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# Touching Lives

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IT NEARLY SOUNDS like a fairy tale I would tell my granddaughters: Betty was a small-town girl who grew up in the heart of Pennsylvania. After graduating from high school, she moved away, got married and lived in the suburbs of a major city, where she worked for two large companies. Betty never again resided in her hometown, but held great affection for its "Friendly College on the Hill" and, when her life ended nearly nine decades after it began, she left \$1.1 million to that college, now known as Bloomsburg University.

We first told the story of Bloomsburg native Betty Smith Cooley's unexpected gift in the Bloomsburg University Foundation's Annual Report, 2008-2009, but its significance bears repeating. In dollars and cents, Mrs. Cooley's generosity will provide \$10,000 to \$50,000 a year for the scholarships for as long as the university exists. But its impact

is beyond measure. As Oprah Winfrey once said, "It's not just about being able to write a check. It's being able to touch somebody's life." Imagine how many lives the Betty Smith Cooley Scholarship will touch for generations to come.

**"Every gift of time, talent and treasure demonstrates confidence in our institution."**

While Mrs. Cooley's gift took us by surprise, we know firsthand the dedication of two members of the BU community who passed away last July, H. Preston Herring, vice president for student and university affairs, and Michael Collins, professor of theatre arts. There could be no more fitting tribute to Dr. Herring and Professor Collins than the scholarships established in their names to assist undergraduates enrolled in theatre arts, graduate students in the counseling/

student affairs program and varsity athletes. Dr. Herring and Professor Collins shared a devotion to the quality of the educational experience at Bloomsburg University. We will be reminded of their commitment to students each year when we award the scholarships that bear their names.

While the Cooley, Herring and Collins scholarships are particularly noteworthy, every gift of time, talent and treasure demonstrates confidence in our institution. In this issue of *Bloomsburg: The University Magazine*, you will meet members of the Class of 1959 who established a scholarship, a Berwick resident who made a

unique gift-in-kind and the New Orleans Saints' right guard whose mother taught him to give back.

To each of our donors, please accept my personal thanks for the gifts that add so much to the lives of Bloomsburg University students.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. L. Soltz".

DAVID L. SOLTZ  
President, Bloomsburg University

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# fresh perspective

## Classroom in the Corridor

A hallway in Danville's Geisinger Medical Center becomes a classroom for Bloomsburg University nursing faculty member Debra Sanders, left, as she instructs Alysia Jones, a senior from Shippensburg, on proper protocol.

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCES** in which students apply classroom lessons to real-life situations are an integral part of Bloomsburg's nursing program. In their sophomore year, students spend approximately eight hours each week in clinical practice at medical facilities throughout the region. As juniors and seniors, students devote 13 to 15 hours a week to clinicals, mainly at Geisinger Medical Center, rotating to different areas throughout the hospital to gain experience with a variety of medical specialties and patient age groups.

Geisinger Medical Center hosts more than 150 BU students and as many as 17 faculty members on Mondays and Tuesdays, the clinical days. Sanders admits each time she returns to Geisinger seems like a homecoming; she was a nurse at the medical system from 1981 until 2002, when she joined BU's faculty. •



# M T H E G



## Validation not Victimization

EXECUTION BRINGS SENSE OF RELIEF

PHOTO: ERIC FOSTER

**A**MONG MANY CRIMINOLOGISTS, the theory is irrefutable: the death penalty, they believe, is wrong because it punishes murder with murder, creating a second victimization for the loved ones left behind. Leo Barrile's research doesn't support that theory.

During the past two and a half years, Barrile, professor of sociology, social work and criminal justice, has interviewed more than 30 members of Texas murder victims' families about their personal reactions to the death penalty and surveyed more than 45. Barrile, colleagues Neal Slone and Pam Donovan and seven BU students based initial research on information from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Web site, which condenses the facts on each crime to one page and, for those who have been executed, includes the inmate's last statement.

Some inmates, Barrile says, were philosophical or expressed religious sentiments. Some were defiant. And others seemed remorseful, especially those who could see their victim's family and friends on hand to witness the execution.

But, what about the victims' families? Barrile says themes have emerged during his research, ranging from forgiving to vengeful. "Most want the execution for justice's sake," Barrile says. "It gives them a sense of relief that this person will never hurt anyone else."

Like 64 percent of Americans in the latest Gallup crime survey, most support the death penalty ... but not all. Barrile says he's interviewed several members of the same family who have failed to disclose differing points of view to their relatives.

"People in my field are overwhelmingly against the death penalty," Barrile says. "I want them to know that, for some people, it is therapeutic. Victim's families don't always want revenge and none in my sample felt victimized from the execution, but many felt that it validated their loved one."

Barrile's research started with Texas, the state with the most executions. It now shifts to Virginia, the state executing the highest percentage of death row inmates. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 37 men were executed in 2008 — 18 in Texas; four in Virginia; three each in Georgia and South Carolina; two each in Florida, Mississippi, Ohio and Oklahoma and one in Kentucky. ●

# 27 Hats and a Dress

## BERWICK WOMAN DONATES APPAREL

THERE WAS A time when a well-dressed woman would not leave home without a hat to match her ensemble. Actors in upcoming Bloomsburg University Players productions set in that era will be properly accessorized, thanks to the generosity of a Berwick resident.

Marietta Episcopo recently donated 27 vintage hats and a 1960s maxi dress in a bright floral print to Bloomsburg University's department of music, theatre and dance. The hats, ranging from the asymmetrical sweep of the 1930s to sculptured styles of the 1950s and the neon hues of the 1960s, belonged to her mother, who died 15 years ago.

"Mrs. Episcopo's main concern was that the hats get used," says Sarah Stuble '02, BU's costume workshop coordinator. "The quality is amazing and these hats have been beautifully preserved. We're hoping to produce a show from this period soon so we can get them on stage."

## A Masterpiece

BU'S ART AND ART history department was recently accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

According to Christine Sperling, chair of art and art history, NASAD accreditation "shows that the department meets certain standards in the programs we offer, with regard to the content of the programs, the experience of the faculty and safety in the art classrooms. This accreditation demonstrates that we've been compared with other programs on a national level and have measured up quite nicely."

Approximately 290 art and art design programs are accredited by NASAD. ●

## Starring Role

CHANCELLOR JOHN CAVANAUGH ON BUTV'S *HUSKY CONNECTIONS*

JOHN CAVANAUGH, chancellor of the Pennsylvania

State System of Higher Education, answered student questions, ranging from the cost of tuition and fees to the availability of the H1N1 flu vaccine, during an appearance on BUTV's *Husky Connections*. BU President David Soltz hosts the series which airs on Bloomsburg's cable channel 8.

Highlights can be seen on BU's YouTube channel, found through [www.bloomu.edu](http://www.bloomu.edu). ●



# Going Green

GRANT ALLOWS BU TO REPLACE COAL STOKER

**A**S PART OF A PLAN to replace a 58-year-old coal stoker, Bloomsburg University is receiving a \$500,000 Energy Harvest grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Currently five coal stokers burn 7,000 tons of coal per year to heat 1.5 million square feet of residence halls and academic buildings.

The \$2 million project allows the university to replace one of its 1951 vintage coal stoker boilers with a new, large capacity wood-chip biomass boiler. BU's annual coal consumption is expected to decrease 67 percent with the installation of the biomass boiler, which will take on the majority of the heating plant's workload. By doing so, two-thirds of the university's coal-based carbon emissions will be replaced with the clean combustion of carbon neutral biomass.

In addition to the five coal boilers, BU also utilizes a 1991 natural gas boiler. Among the six combustion units, the new wood boiler will become the primary steam producer for the heating plant. Air quality is expected to improve, with fewer sulfur compounds and



WNEP-16 reporter Julie Sidoni, right, interviews Nathaniel "Ned" Greene, professor of physics and engineering technology, as videographer John J. Sherr captures the story for the station's *Power to Save* segment.

particulates emitted. Fossil-based carbon dioxide emissions will also decrease by more than 26 million pounds per year.

Bloomsburg University is committed to implementing new ideas that make the campus more environmentally friendly. In 2007, for example, shower heads were installed in all residence halls that save up to 8 million gallons of water per year. In spring 2008, BU began purchasing 5 percent biodiesel for its maintenance fleet. All waste cooking oil is diverted to a biodiesel reactor that produces fuel for a student shuttle bus, nicknamed "the french fry bus." ●

## Value Added

BU INFUSES \$86 MILLION INTO STATE, REGION

WITH ROUGHLY \$85.8 million funneled back into the region over the past two years, Bloomsburg University is doing its part to spark the struggling economy by using local contractors for construction projects and local vendors for university supplies and services.

BU's recent economic impact has been boosted by a series of on-campus renovation and construction projects that infused nearly \$71 million into the region since June 2008. BU injected \$7.4 million into Columbia County with notable contracts with Bloomsburg businesses Howard Organization Inc., for \$3.3 million, and Mariano Construction Co., for \$1.7 million, to serve as electrical contractors on separate renovation and building projects.

Additionally, BU had local service

contracts with Evans Disposal for \$252,000 to handle campus garbage collection and Larry's Lumber & Supply Inc. for \$53,600 to cover various supply needs across campus. Those are just a few examples of Columbia County contractors BU has utilized over the past two years.

The recent economic stimulus extended into neighboring counties through numerous service and purchasing contracts, including \$150,000 to a Northumberland business for two-way radio communications and on-campus call box system. Additionally, BU recently contracted a Montoursville company for \$2.3 million for new furniture in the residence halls and upper campus apartments, as well as invested \$364,500 to a Williamsport business for new office furniture and \$111,500 to a Williamsport company for campus maintenance supplies.

In total, more than \$15 million has been spent over the past two

years on service and purchasing contracts involving businesses from each of the six neighboring counties. All but three of the 40 contractors working the various building projects have come from within a 100-mile radius of Bloomsburg, including four from Bloomsburg itself and 19 from neighboring counties.

Contractors for upper campus projects, which include the new Jessica S. Kozloff Apartments and renovation of the Nelson Field House, have come from Berks, Bucks, Columbia, Dauphin, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Northumberland and Union counties. On the lower campus, where renovation continues to the Haas Center for the Arts, Hartline, Bakeless and Sutliff halls, contractors have arrived from the same multi-county region with the addition of Blair, Carbon, Centre, Cumberland, Lancaster, Montgomery and Perry counties. ●

## New Scholarships

STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN established in memory of two long-time members of BU's campus community who died last July, H. Preston Herring, vice president



for student and university affairs, and Michael Collins, theatre arts professor.



The Herring scholarships will be awarded to a student in the counseling/student affairs graduate program and a student athlete involved in any intercollegiate varsity sport. The Collins scholarship is designated for theatre arts students who demonstrate a collaborative spirit, leadership qualities and a strong work ethic.

Two campus entities also established scholarships. The Community Government Association will provide \$3,000, renewable scholarships to two incoming freshmen. The scholarships will be granted based on financial need and good academic and social standing. The Husky Research Corp.'s \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to two students — one enrolled in BU's instructional technology program and one in the speech pathology/audiology program. Another \$1,000 scholarship will be granted to an upperclass scholar-athlete, alternating each year between members of BU's football and softball. ●

## Answering the Call

BU STUDENTS SAVE FIRE VICTIM

BU STUDENTS Drew Williams, left, and Mitch Lehman, volunteer firefighters with the Bloomsburg



Fire Department, helped rescue a man last October from a fire that destroyed three downtown buildings and left 37 people homeless, including 28 BU

students. Bloomsburg's Deputy Fire Chief Bob Rupp '71/'77M says Williams, a senior political science major from Lock Haven, and Lehman, a junior criminal justice major from Sunbury, entered the burning building

with two other firefighters and brought the man to safety. 'They saved that gentleman's life,' Rupp says. Nearly a dozen BU students serve with the Bloomsburg Fire Department, which has about 60 active volunteers, says Rupp, president of the BU Alumni Association's Carver Hall Chapter. Bloomsburg Town Council honored Williams, Lehman and others for their response before a Town Council meeting in November. ●

## QUICK TAKES

**DeeAnne Wymer**, professor of anthropology, published the chapter, *The Paleoethnobotanical Assemblage from the 1971-1977 Excavations at the Seip Earthworks in Re-Interpretation of a Group of Hopewell Low Mounds and Structures*, Seip Earthworks, Ross County, Ohio. The publication, a special volume of the *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology*, re-examines materials and original paperwork from excavations conducted in the 1970s and offers new interpretations.



**Shaheen Awan**, professor of speech pathology, was named a fellow by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, one of the organization's highest honors. Awan, whose work focuses on computer analysis of disordered speech and voice, has published 35 research articles and book chapters and is the author of *The Voice Diagnostic Protocol: A Practical Guide to the Diagnosis of Voice Disorders*.



**Tim Knoster**, associate professor of exceptionality programs, was selected by Pennsylvania's Bureau of Juvenile Justice, in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh, to serve on a subcommittee establishing a developmental disabilities training curriculum. Knoster also is the lead content author for a 30-hour training curriculum for juvenile justice system counselors. His consulting activities, funded through a grant from the MacArthur Foundation, center on the creation of training curriculum for Pennsylvania and other states who work with juvenile offenders who have developmental disabilities.



# Highmark Scholarships

\$250,000 DONATION BOOSTS  
HEALTH CARE INITIATIVES

MORE THAN 150 STUDENTS at BU and the other 13 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institutions are receiving an assist from Highmark Inc. in paying for their education.

Earlier this year, Highmark donated \$250,000 to the PASSHE Foundation, most of which is funding both undergraduate and graduate student scholarships in health care-related fields. A total of 140 incoming freshmen — 10 from each of the PASSHE universities — received scholarships worth \$1,000 for the 2009-10 academic year. An additional \$10,000 in awards for graduate study is being shared among students attending the 14 PASSHE universities.

Highmark's donation to the PASSHE Foundation also includes \$50,000 for academic initiatives in the health care field to be offered to the 14 universities on a competitive basis and \$50,000 for general support. •

# Guaranteed Admission

AGREEMENT EASES PROCESS  
FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

NINTH-GRADERS in Columbia and Montour counties have one more incentive to do well in their classes — guaranteed admission to Bloomsburg University after they graduate.

An agreement between officials from the university and neighboring school districts, including Central Columbia, Bloomsburg and Danville, guarantees admission to a BU bachelor's degree program for graduates who:

- Achieve a combined score of at least 1100 on the SAT, with a mini-

mum score of 500 verbal and 500 math.

- Earn a minimum of 90 percent cumulative grade point average.
- Apply to BU by Dec. 15 of their senior year for admission the following fall. The deadline is Nov. 15 for students planning to major in nursing, medical imaging, speech pathology, biology or allied health.
- Satisfy all other BU application requirements to the major.

The earliest agreements are in effect for this year's ninth-graders for admission to BU in fall 2013. BU is currently working to establish similar agreements with other area school districts. •

# Learning the Language

SCHOLARSHIP ENABLES  
STUDY IN TURKEY

BRIAN JANICZEK STUDIED in Alanya, Turkey, from June to August 2009, funded through an all-expenses-paid Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. State Department.



Janiczek, a junior history major from Newton, Pa., had classes — the equivalent to Turkish I and II — weekdays from 8 a.m. to noon, where he learned grammar and language. He started each day enjoying a cup of coffee while overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and spent his free time exploring the country with other students.

With plans to pursue a doctoral degree in the history of the Ottoman Empire, Janiczek needs to know Turkish, Arabic and Ottoman-Turkish to study documents. Traveling to Turkey was the beginning of his language acquisition.

"I didn't know any Turkish before I went over," says Janiczek, "but I got to speaking it pretty quickly after a few days. Personally, it was a great learning and growing experience and a phenomenal opportunity to travel and study abroad."

At BU, Janiczek is a member of the history honor society and tutors in the writing center. •

# Enrollment Milestones

BU WELCOMES RECORD  
NUMBERS OF STUDENTS

FALL 2009 ENROLLMENT at Bloomsburg University hit three milestones — the largest number of new students, the most international students and the highest number of students overall.

## BU BY THE NUMBERS

907 GRADUATE STUDENTS  
8,605 UNDERGRADUATES  
9,512 TOTAL STUDENTS

BU started the fall semester with approximately 2,550 new freshmen and transfer students, bringing official student enrollment to a record 9,512 — 907 graduate students and 8,605 undergraduates — up from 8,855 in fall 2008. More than 100 international students are attending the university during 2009-10, including 27 from the Russian Finance Academy and 10 from Saudi Arabia. Among the countries represented by other international students are Colombia, Botswana, Kenya and Japan.

Nearly 117,000 students attend BU and her 13 sister institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. •



# ON THE HILL sports

by TOM MCGUIRE SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

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## Fall Highlights

**FIVE PLAYERS, TWO COACHES  
EARN END-OF-SEASON HONORS**

**THE FALL SPORTS** season at Bloomsburg University was a huge success. The field hockey team won the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II national championship, while the men's soccer team posted a record of 10-6-2 and qualified for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) playoffs. The women's cross country team qualified for the NCAA national championships for the second time in three years, while the women's soccer team earned a spot in the PSAC playoffs. The football team posted an 8-3 record and just missed an NCAA playoff bid. ●

## Full Nelson

**RENOVATIONS CONTINUE**

**WORK CONTINUES** on the \$13 million renovation of Nelson Field House. In the first phase of the project, the swimming pool, some lower level locker rooms and the basketball court, including new bleachers, lighting, scoreboard and press box, have been completed and are being used by the winter sports teams. Construction of the new football locker room area is progressing.

The next phase includes a new athletic training room and main level offices, as well as moving the wrestling room to the lower level and expanding it. The entire project is expected to be completed by August. ●

## EARLY START SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

It's not too early to start thinking about BU's summer sports camps. Camps are offered in baseball, boys and girls basketball, field hockey, football, soccer, swimming, tennis and wrestling. More information is available at [www.bubuskies.com](http://www.bubuskies.com).



## FOUR-PEAT FIELD HOCKEY WINS AGAIN!

**BLOOMSBURG WINS 3-2** over UMass-Lowell (UML) in the 2009 NCAA Division II Field Hockey National Championship game in Easton, Mass. The title was the second time the Huskies have won four straight; the first four-peat stretched from 1996-99. The championship marked Bloomsburg's 16th championship overall, seventh in the last eight seasons and second straight over UML.

## Wrestling Tradition

**MOLEY COMPETES IN CLASSIC** WRESTLER MATT MOLEY became the seventh BU wrestler to participate in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) All-Star Classic when he faced Nebraska's top-ranked wrestler in November. Moley lost by a 10-4 score at the event held in Fullerton, Calif.

Moley, of Phoenixville, wrestles at 157 pounds. A senior majoring in sociology, he is a two-time All-American and ranked in the top 10 in the country at his weight.

Ron Russo represented Bloomsburg in the 1969 event, posting an 11-5 win over Len Groom of Northern

Colorado. In 1974, the late Shorty Hitchcock lost his bout 5-3 to Mel Renfro of Washington State and in 1981 Don Reese tied Jim Gibbons of Iowa State 6-6. In 1985, the Huskies' Ricky and Rocky Bonomo took part in the Classic. Ricky lost 7-1 to Mark Perry of Oklahoma State and Rocky fell to Barry Davis of Iowa, 20-9. Dave Morgan was the last Bloomsburg wrestler to take part in the event, losing to Joe Pantaleo of Michigan, 6-1, in 1989.

"It's a big honor to be selected to wrestle in this event," says Bloomsburg head coach John Stutzman. "This is great for Bloomsburg, our team and for Matt, who has worked extremely hard these last four years." ●

[ IN APPRECIATION ]

# 64 Seasons

JAN HUTCHINSON, WHO HAS HELPED DEFINE TWO SPORTS AT BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY, WILL HANG UP THE WHISTLE AFTER 32 YEARS.

THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), there have been a handful of coaches who have defined their sport, coaches such as John Wooden, men's basketball; Dan Gabel, wrestling; and Pat Summit, women's basketball.

At Bloomsburg University, there is a coach who has helped define two sports, field hockey and softball. That coach is Jan Hutchinson. And at the end of the 2010 softball season, she will hang up the whistle, put the clipboard away and enjoy some real rest and relaxation for the first time in more than 32 years.

"Most coaches are involved with just one sport," says Hutchinson. "When the season is over, they can unwind, get ready to recruit and then gear up for another season. For me, when one season ends, I quickly transition to another sport. Between field hockey and softball, I have coached 64 seasons. It is time to take a break."

For Bloomsburg's players and fans, it's been a great 64 seasons. Hutchinson will step down as a legend in two sports. As field hockey coach, her numbers are staggering. She will retire with 591 wins, 75 losses and 20 ties. Even more impressive are her 16 national championships and 16 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championships. Under her guidance, 13 players earned National Player of the Year honors, including the 2008 Player of the Year, Jamie Vanartsdalen, who rewrote the NCAA Division II record book during her four years with the team.

In softball, Hutchinson is the all-time Division II leader in career wins with a mark of 1,165-280-2. Her teams have made 27 consecutive trips to the NCAA playoffs, garnering two second-place finishes and six third-place finishes. Her 1982 team won the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women championship.

Dr. Cindy Freeland, a former softball All-American and member of BU's Athletic Hall of Fame, says she learned many valuable lessons from Hutchinson that have carried over into her career.

"Jan has a powerful gift of motivation," says Freeland. "It was clear from day one that she didn't want to hear excuses about how you could not execute a drill or play to perfection. Her lessons made the transition to medicine smooth for me. I already knew about hard work, pressure and the highest level of competition. I knew about developing weaknesses into strengths, and I knew

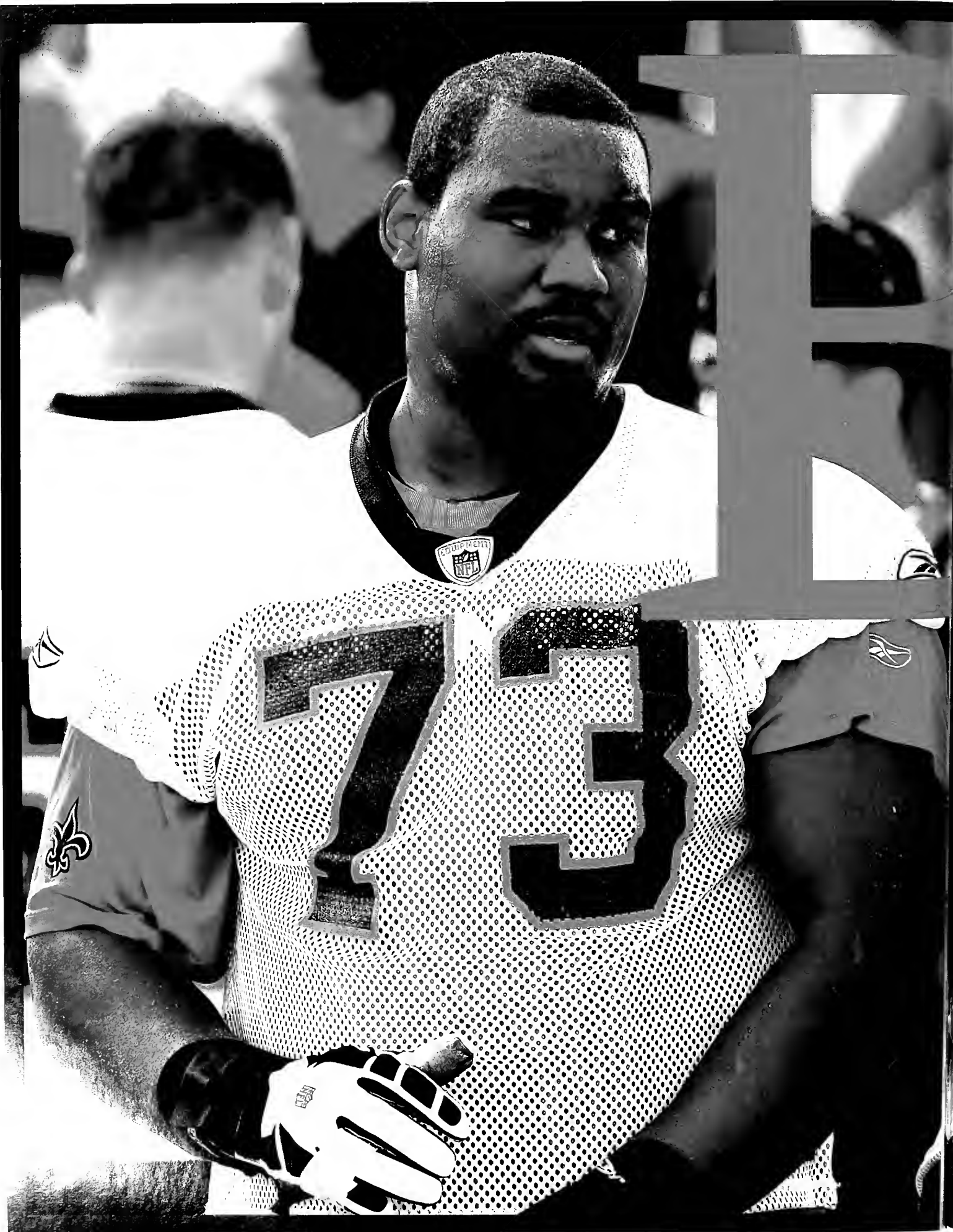


about class and professionalism. There is no question that Jan's impact has strongly shaped the medical professional I am today."

Hutchinson is well respected in coaching circles, as well, even by those whose schools could be considered the Huskies' bitter rivals. Former Lock Haven head coach and current athletic director Sharon Taylor admits she was in for a battle when facing one of Hutchinson's teams.

"I always knew that Jan's teams would be well prepared and would never give up," says Taylor. "The field hockey contests between Lock Haven and Bloomsburg were classics and, for the most part, great examples of how competition can be fierce and sportsmanlike at the same time."

While her teams' success on game day was important, Hutchinson cherishes even more her impact off the field. "We have raised more than \$2 million dollars for scholarships during my tenure which has allowed many female student-athletes to achieve the dream of a college education, along with a great athletic experience," Hutchinson says. "Many of those people have gone on to successful careers in their chosen fields. And, I'm proud to say, several have even gone into coaching." •



[ ALUMNI PROFILE ]

# BIG MAN *on Campus*

At 6 foot 4 inches and 318 pounds, JAHRI EVANS plays big as offensive guard for the New Orleans Saints. He also has a big heart for the university where he earned his degree in exercise science and the football program which helped him catch the attention of the NFL.

*by Jim Doyle '72*

**H**E WAS YOUNG. HE WAS SINGLE. HE WAS RICH. And he lived and worked in New Orleans. So what was Jahri Evans doing in Mansfield, Pa., on his only weekend off from July to January?

He was taking time out from his busy schedule as a rookie starting right guard for the New Orleans Saints to spend a Saturday afternoon with his former Bloomsburg University teammates and coaches, cheering from the sideline as his alma mater beat the Mountaineers.

Since that afternoon four years ago, Evans has continued to stay connected to the university where he earned his degree in exercise science and the football program that helped him hone the skills which eventually caught the attention of National Football League (NFL) scouts. He has returned to lead chapel services, take part in the John Devlin Memorial Golf Tournament and watch the Huskies play homecoming and spring games.

Growing up in Philadelphia, Evans was raised by his mother, Katreen Hopkins, with help from his three older sisters. He didn't play organized football until ninth grade but soon blossomed into an outstanding offensive and defensive lineman with dreams of playing Division I football.

"My junior year, I got a lot of letters from colleges, a lot of Division I schools," says Evans. "But I didn't play my whole senior year because of an injury in the off-season. I was

out of commission for about nine months with three pins and a screw in my knee."

Division I schools quickly lost interest. Evans wasn't on Bloomsburg's recruiting radar, either, until assistant head coach Paul Darragh learned about him while recruiting his best friend and teammate Shawn Williams, a premier linebacker in the Philadelphia Public League. On Darragh's advice, Huskies head coach Danny Hale offered him a partial scholarship, sight unseen. Evans visited campus and, says Hale, "The rest is history."

"We brought Jahri in, and he did such a superior job just in the way he carried himself. The first time I saw him, he passed the eye test – here's a guy with huge hands who's 6 foot 4 inches and more than 300 pounds. His personality was infectious. He was down-to-earth. His transcript showed he was a conscientious student. And his mother did a superior job of raising him," Hale recalls. "His high school coach had great things to say about him, so we took a chance."

Evans thought Bloomsburg was a good fit. "I liked the campus and overall environment, plus they had my major of exercise science. I loved the coaches, and I soon

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– Jeff Duncan, *The Times-Picayune*

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and was named first-team All-American.

Hale knew Evans had become something special. "What impressed me so much, even in practice, was how he would get to the next level. He was always looking for another block, playing to the whistle," says Hale. "In his senior year, West Chester, who we beat at Redman Stadium, had a defensive end who was a really good player but had a little edge to him and liked to talk. Jahri blocked at the point of attack to spring Jamar Brittingham for a run downfield and then sprinted downfield, too. He hit that end and lifted him off the ground, which caused our whole sideline to erupt."

Hale credits much of Evans' success to his "field intelligence."

"That's one of the things I would tell the NFL scouts. This young man is going to be cerebral. He understands concepts. He was able to play multiple positions for us and knew conceptually what we were trying to do offensively at each position. He also has an inner drive," says Hale. "He was raised the right way and had that discipline when he came to us."

Scouts from every NFL team visited Bloomsburg during Evans' senior season. When the season ended, he left school to begin training for the NFL combine, returning after his rookie season to receive his degree in exercise science in May 2007.

The Saints selected Evans in the fourth round of the NFL's 2006 draft. Because veteran Jerome Mayberry was injured, Evans started at right guard for the Saints in their first preseason game and has started every game since. With

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found out Coach Hale treats all his players like family. He's always straight with you and wants the best for you."

After redshirting his freshman season, Evans played the role of centerman the following year, backing up every offensive

line position except center. He later played right tackle and right guard before moving to left tackle as a senior. During his senior season, he helped running back Jamar Brittingham lead the nation in rushing, played a major role in the Huskies' unbeaten regular season

last November's 38-7 win over Tampa Bay, Evans set a Saints' team record for an offensive lineman with 58 consecutive regular season starts to open a career.

Evans was part of an amazing turnaround by the franchise. In the season prior to his arrival, the Saints were 3-13. In his rookie season with a new head coach, Sean Payton, and a new quarterback, Drew Brees, the Saints won 11 games and advanced to the National Football Conference (NFC) title game for the first time ever. And in the season just completed, the Saints won the first 13 games of the regular season, ending with a record of 13-3. Evans was named to the 2010 NFC Pro Bowl.

Looking back, Evans says the highlight of his rookie season came on Sept. 25, 2006, when pro football returned to New Orleans for the first time after Hurricane Katrina. "I don't think anybody could have beaten us that night," Evans says of the Saints' win over the Atlanta Falcons in a *Monday Night Football* broadcast. "We wanted to win for those fans. Our energy and excitement was unbelievable."

A personal highlight from that season, he adds, was two wins over his hometown team, the Eagles. "I grew up a die-hard Eagles fan, and I knew everyone at home would be watching."

Evans played so well his first year in the NFL he was named to the all-rookie teams of *Pro Football Weekly* and *The Dallas Morning News*. Now in his fourth season, he continues to improve. In an article last August in New Orleans'

newspaper, *The Times-Picayune*, sportswriter Jeff Duncan wrote, "Scouts believe he's the best young guard in the NFL, and some even think he's the best guard period, regardless of age or experience." As the season progressed, Evans was named to four midseason all-pro teams, including *Sports Illustrated*, *The Sporting News* and *Pro Football Weekly*.

Evans credits the Bloomsburg University football program, particularly Bryan McBryan, his position coach, with helping him take the huge step from Division II to the NFL. "The stuff we do now in the NFL is some of the same stuff we did at Bloomsburg," he says.

Before his playing days are over, Evans says, "I would definitely like to win a Super Bowl. I'd definitely like to be a Pro Bowler, as well. I'd like to play as long as I can. In this league you never know how long your career will be, so you take it one year at a time. Every year you step back on the field you're truly blessed."

While enjoying the perks of an NFL career, Evans has not forgotten Bloomsburg, establishing a full scholarship last summer for out-of-state minority students enrolled in BU's Master of Science in clinical athletic training program. Says Joseph Hazzard, assistant professor of exercise science and athletics and Evans' academic adviser, "I thought it would be a nice way for him to contribute to his alma mater and make a clear point that academics were important in his life. I think he'd be the first to admit that."

Jahri Evans was raised in the City of Brotherly Love and now



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- Jahri Evans

lives and works in The Big Easy. But, whenever possible, he says, "I enjoy getting back into the mountains, so I can enjoy the scenery that attracted me to Bloomsburg in the first place and keep the relationships that I built over my time there." •

Jim Doyle '72 retired after teaching at Southern Columbia High School for 32 years. He is the radio play-by-play voice for Bloomsburg University football and men's basketball on WHLM-AM.

For updates, see Bloomsburg: The University Magazine online at [www.bloomu.edu/media/magazine](http://www.bloomu.edu/media/magazine).

AS AN AVID VIDEO GAME player, Phaedra Long '04 was a fan of the little yellow creature with the large black eyes and rosy red cheeks years before she began working with him. Pikachu, the most recognizable character in the Pokémon franchise, is just one of the 493 "pocket monsters" Long is responsible for as the product approvals manager in the company's brand management division in New York City.

"I loved the core Pokémon games," says Long, who grew up in Jersey Shore, Pa. "I also love playing trading card games, so this company is a great fit for me."

In her role, Long ensures that all non-video and non-trading card game products accurately represent the Pokémon characters and Pokémon World. This includes toys, plush items, board games, books, stickers, T-shirts, hats and some promotional items.

"Essentially, I make sure that Pikachu's eyes are on straight," she deadpans.

In reality, it's not so simple. Long works with all of Pokémon's licensees — the people or companies that obtain the rights to use Pokémon's characters and artwork on their products. Once a license is granted, she provides the company with all of Pokémon's assets and meets with the licensee to discuss some basic guidelines and determine which characters best suit its needs, depending on its product and what age group it's targeting.

"Plus, almost every character has its own set of rules, such as who it can be shown with, when it can be shown and how it can be used," Long explains. "I also have to make sure that the products sync up."

She offers the following example: If the character Giratina will be featured in a movie in the fall, Long has to make sure the Giratina action figure, T-shirts, plush doll, keychain and any other merchandise also release at that time.

"I have to be very careful when creating these roll-outs because the lead-times and sell-in period are all different," she says. "It's a lot to think about."

The sheer number of creatures may seem overwhelming. How does Long keep track of them all?

"It's tricky," she admits, "but thankfully I have played the game since it launched, so I had an initial knowledge base. It's like anything else that has numerous characters, names, and stats — such as a sports team. After a while you just get used to learning and retaining all the information."

Long has her favorite characters, such as Vulpix, which looks like a fox, and Eevee and its evolutions,

Shinx and Spiritomb. She confesses that her preferences are based more on the monsters' appearance and their back stories, rather than their fighting prowess.

As much as she doesn't seek out prowess in Pokémon, she demonstrated academic prowess while at Bloomsburg, where she graduated with two majors. Ironically, she says, her career path has followed her college course path at Bloomsburg.

"I started at Bloomsburg in mass communications with the goal to go into public relations work in New York City," Long notes. "I love the challenge public relations presented because it ranges from writing press releases to event management to crisis management. The

more I got into public relations, though, the more interested I became in how businesses actually run, how they make their decisions and how they pitch their ideas."

Long realized that she prefers the behind-the-scenes work and decided to add a business management degree. She started at Pokémon as a public relations intern and, after graduation, was hired by the company as a public relations coordinator.

"I stayed in that capacity for about two years," she explains. "After that, they asked me to move into brand management."

In addition to the variety of assignments and colorful characters that march across Long's desk every day, she's had some memorable experiences. She traveled to Japan to meet with staff at the Pokémon parent office and had the opportunity to take in the amazing culture. And in 2006, as a member of the public relations staff, she helped to create a year-long 10th anniversary celebration that included a 22-city mall tour, a video game national championship and a huge wrap-up celebration party in midtown Manhattan's Bryant Park that was attended by more than 25,000 people.

"It was a fantastic campaign that really allowed me to work on an incredible variety of projects," Long recalls. "And it was an amazing feeling to see how well it came together."

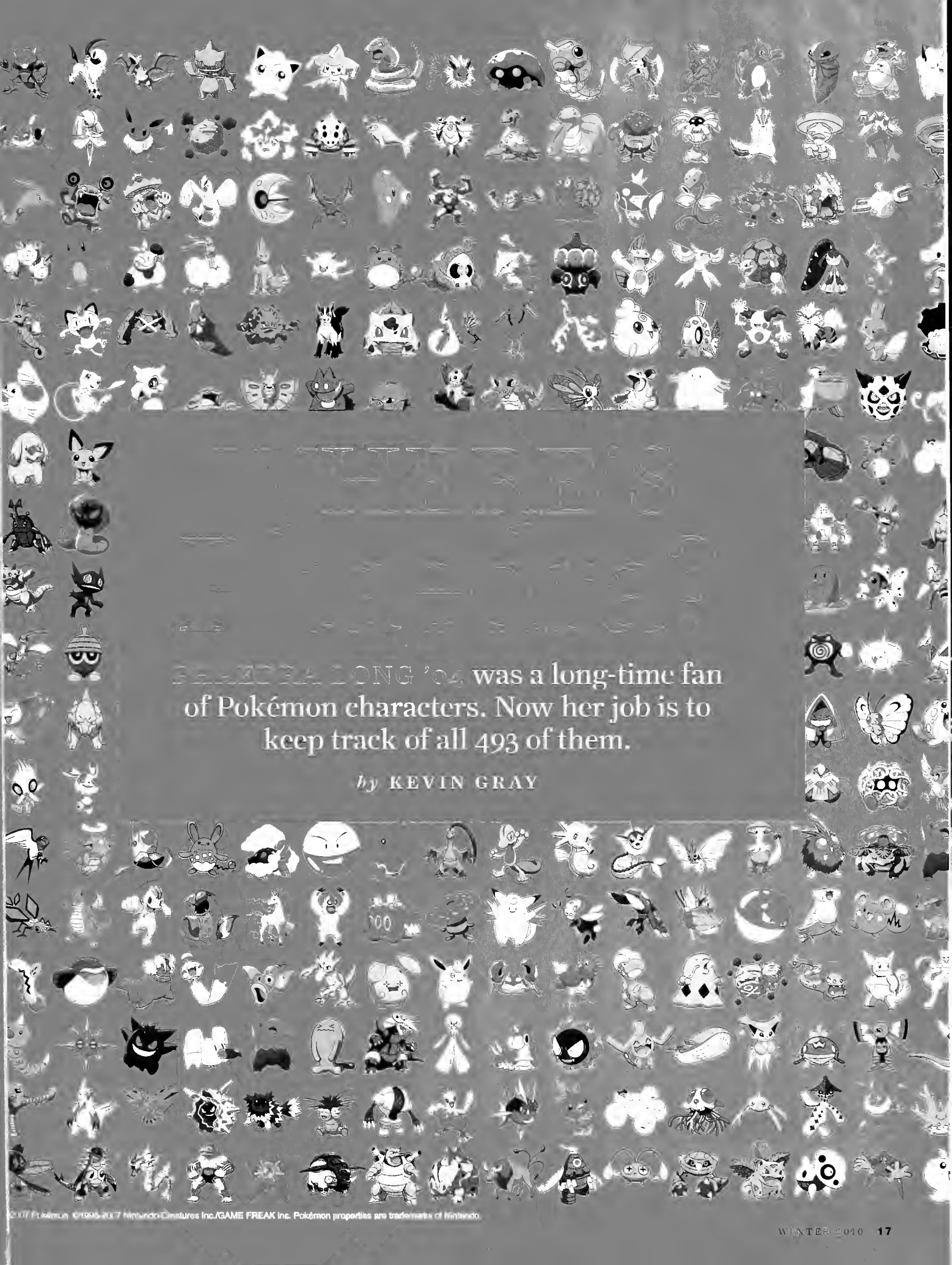
Long loves the thrill of seeing a project through; it's something she gets to experience frequently.

"It's a really good feeling for me every time I walk into the toy section of a store and see all the Pokémon products I worked on," she says. "It's amazing to see rows of figures, play sets and other items that I've worked on from a concept on paper to the finished product on the shelf." •



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SHARITA LONG '04 was a long-time fan  
of Pokémon characters. Now her job is to  
keep track of all 493 of them.

by KEVIN GRAY





MY STUDENT OMAR THE TEENAGE  
ACROBAT, LEFT, AND ME!

# CIRCUS ACT

Running off to join the circus took on an entirely different meaning for **RICH ZELTZER '83**.



IF EDUCATOR Rich Zellers tells you his classroom was a circus, believe him. The Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus, to be exact.

"It was kind of like the old one-room schoolhouse, except with elephants and clowns," says Zellers, who earned a bachelor's degree in history in 2000 and another in secondary education/social studies in 2001. "The classroom was always in a room backstage at the arena where the circus was showing. Sometimes it was a ballroom or a changing room or, like at Madison Square Garden, it was in the bar. In Hartford, Conn., the elephants' pen was right outside the classroom door."

Zellers' career path has been as unconventional as the circus classrooms where he's taught. After serving eight years as a musician in the Marine Corps and five more as a police officer, Zellers came to BU as a non-traditional student. Following graduation, he taught in public schools in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Florida.

A part-time job as an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher in 2006 led to a position with the Cleveland Indians baseball team, where 40 percent of the players were native Spanish speakers. The team's management told him, "We know baseball. You know how to teach English. Teach them English," Zellers recalls.

He also was the first teacher for English Days at Walt Disney World, where international students spend two to three weeks learning conversational English in formal classes and through hands-on activities,

ranging from the physics of roller coasters at Magic Kingdom to the history of animation at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

Under the big top, Zellers had 17 students in first through 11th grade. "The teenage students were performers, such as clowns and acrobats," he explains, "and the elementary students were the children of the older performers in the circus."

As teacher, Zellers was responsible for fashioning a school schedule around two or three daily performances. "I usually scheduled the elementary students in the mornings before the first performance and the secondary students around their performances," he says. "Since the older kids were performers, I had to split their time between shows."

Like the system used in one-room schoolhouses, Zellers wrote different lesson plans for students in each elementary grade. The secondary students used individualized online programs with Zellers on hand to explain difficult concepts.

Zellers' long days with the circus have ended, but his travels continued. He's taught history and ESL at an international middle school in Qingdao, China; ESL in St. Petersburg, Russia; and English at a public school in Bratislava, Slovakia. Today, he lives and teaches in Germany.

Zellers treasures the memories of his circus experience. "I was usually the first one at the arena in the morning and would leave after the last performance with the rest of the performers. But, it was fun. It was the circus." ●

*"It was one of the most wonderful, yet challenging teaching jobs I've ever had. It was kind of like the old one room school house, except with elephants and clowns."*

A black and white photograph of Nicole Defenbaugh, a woman with dark hair, wearing a striped short-sleeved shirt and dark pants. She is smiling and holding a large, dark cutout of her own image in front of her, which partially obscures her torso. The background shows a room with a window with vertical blinds and some furniture.

# ROLE OF A *Lifeline*

NICOLE DEFENBAUGH is among a group of actors who illustrate to physicians how communication style affects their ability to deliver care.

*by Mark E. Dixon*

CHRONIC ILLNESS can change one's perspective. As, for instance, when Nicole Defenbaugh, assistant professor of communications studies, danced with her colon for students at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center not long ago.

Defenbaugh, who has ulcerative colitis (UC) — an incurable disease of the intestine — was among a group of actors who portray patients to help physicians understand how ordinary people experience medical care.

"The feedback made that one of the most profound moments of my life," says Defenbaugh, whose interest in how physicians interact with patients whom they cannot heal drew her to Geisinger Medical Center's six-year-old "standardized patient" program.

The incurable-condition concept is a new wrinkle for Geisinger, which uses doctor-patient vignettes in tandem with the Bloomsburg-based Box of Light theater group. The program is intended to illustrate to physicians how communication style affects their ability to deliver care and how those styles can be influenced by culture, age, race, gender and other issues.

In Defenbaugh's case, a literal dance with her troublesome invisible organ — illustrated with a large red sash around her waist — was her way of dramatizing what she considers an actual relationship. Patients with curable conditions — cancers, ulcers, infections — generally want them gone ... done, she explains. But those with incurable conditions come to regard them as a pregnant woman regards a kicking fetus, though one that will never be born.

"My colon moves and twists and, literally, is like a child," says Defenbaugh, explaining that UC is an intermittent disease whose symptoms come and go. And just like a pregnant woman, Defenbaugh has

Physicians are traditionally trained as scientists. They collect information, then use it to identify the ailment and design a course of treatment. Fine when it works, Defenbaugh says.

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## COMMUNICATION TRAINING HAS HELPED IMPROVE PATIENT SATISFACTION RATES BY 30 PERCENT AT GEISINGER MEDICAL CENTER DURING THE PAST DECADE.

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learned how to find comfortable positions, pass up certain foods and generally avoid provoking her organ when it is cranky.



"I could never have this conversation with my gastroenterologist," she says, recounting a history of incorrect diagnosis by various physicians. One internist laughed at her. "Over years of seeing doctors, it became clear to me they just didn't understand."

"But sometimes physicians are presented with a problem that cannot be cut up and defined," observes Rand Whipple, director of Box of Light. In those situations, social intelligence becomes more important than clinical knowledge and Whipple, like Defenbaugh, has witnessed that all physicians don't have it.

Robert Spahr, senior vice president of service quality at Geisinger, credits communication training like that provided by Defenbaugh and Box of Light with improved patient satisfaction rates that have climbed from about 60 percent at the beginning of the decade to more than 90 percent today.

"Actors are better than medical professionals at giving feedback," says Spahr. "They notice the way a physician approaches them physically, whether he is warm in his greeting or has an inviting tone of voice."

At Bloomsburg, Defenbaugh is teaching the university's new health communications course, which addresses such issues. She says her encounters with the medical establishment have been overwhelmingly positive.

"Medical schools are on the progressive end of the education system," she says, as are hospitals. "They recognize the importance of the issue, and are trying to learn and train accordingly."

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Prior to joining Bloomsburg's faculty, Defenbaugh taught for four years during her doctoral program at Southern Illinois University and for two years at Winona State University in Minnesota. She has been involved in theater since 1990 and, in 2004, began to analyze the construction of illness through performance studies. In 2005 she wrote, co-directed and performed a one-woman show, *It Takes Guts [Colon] Spelling with Dis-ease*, about medicalese, alternative healing and embodied language.

"Being ill is really a whole new world" for most people, says Defenbaugh. There is a new jargon to learn, a new label to wear and new ways to interact with other people.

"The whole thing about taking daily medications changes how people see themselves and how others see them," she says. "I've done performances on that, about taking a pill three times a day and how others watch you taking those pills."

That's often a difficult concept for healthy people to absorb, so Defenbaugh is thrilled when the breakthroughs happen. After dancing with her "colon" at Hershey Medical Center, for instance, one of the medical students shared that he too experienced difficulty communicating with his physician about a complaint. Then, other students began sharing stories.

"If you tell a personal story, people light up," says Defenbaugh. "Many of us are dying to tell our stories but don't know how or where." •

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## Nude Mice and Other Creatures

Medical people talk funny. Who but doctors – whose native language is Greek, mixed with a little Latin – could look at your fingers and toes and call them "dactys?" Or prefer the tongue-twisting term "acetylsalicylic acid" for what the rest of us know as aspirin?

In 1992, Cyndy Landis Kryder '76/'77M saw a career opportunity helping the health care industry – physicians, hospitals and, in particular, pharmaceutical companies – communicate with English speakers. Today, she writes promotional, educational and scientific pieces for medical professionals and lay audiences, and helps companies plan their medical publications.

Credit the arrival of Kryder's eldest daughter, Chelsea, in 1989. After a couple years juggling Chelsea and a fast-track position for a Pottstown rehabilitation group, Kryder was looking for a stress-reducing alternative. Her next door neighbor, a freelance medical writer, put her in touch with one of her own clients, a small medical publisher. Things grew from there.

Kryder started out writing for a quarterly newsletter that summarized the effectiveness of medical technology. The newsletter was read primarily by insurers, who used its reports to help determine whether to pay for new products and procedures. Since then, she has written for hospitals and textbook publishers, but pharmaceutical companies are voracious consumers of her work. And they are extremely particular, says Kryder, who produces sales

materials and patient-education materials, such as the brochure, *What is Cervical Cancer?*

"Pharmaceuticals is one of the most heavily regulated industries in the United States. There are very

strict guidelines, including about the vocabulary you can use," she says. Even the way a writer abbreviates bacteria is regulated. Refer to methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* as anything but MRSA and don't expect to be rehired by that medical publisher.

Kryder didn't plan to be a writer. A week

after graduating from Bloomsburg, she was a speech pathologist for a non-profit near Philadelphia. She later moved on to a pediatric hospital, working with children with brain injuries and spent several years in public schools. By the late 1980s, she had moved up into a desk job.

That background gave her medical writing career a head start and, she says, the foundation was laid at BU. "Bloomsburg had a very strong clinical experience in speech pathology. Thanks to all the clinical hours I put in as a student, I can translate clinical information in a simple manner for patients and their families."

Kryder also put that ability to good use in two books written with co-author Brian Bass, *The Accidental Medical Writer*, for freelancers entering the field, and *Nude Mice*, a glossary of medical terms. And what is a "nude mouse?" A hairless rodent, invaluable in research, bred to lack thymus glands. •







## Walking his own walk

Richard Baker '73/'78M never knew who he would meet as he hiked the Appalachian Trail. One night, a woman with an 8-foot boa constrictor stayed in the same three-sided Adirondack shelter where Baker was sleeping. Along the trail, he also met a Filipino priest, Scottish men hiking in kilts, British military officers, and citizens of Japan, Australia and Canada.

Baker, chair of BU's accounting department, completed hiking the entire 2,178 miles of the Appalachian Trail on July 20, 2009. A section hiker who completed a segment at a time, Baker began his journey in March 1995 with his son's Boy Scout troop.

"Hiking the trail is like a brotherhood," says Baker. "Most are section hikers like me, and I never walked with anyone for more than four or five days." Baker completed 1,000 miles of the trail by himself and the last 800 miles with fellow accounting professor, Blair Staley. The trail passes through 14 states from Georgia to Maine.

Hiking the trail was not always easy. Baker came across a blizzard in Virginia where he literally could not see in front of him. Another time he was charged by a female moose when he accidentally startled her and her calf.

Although the trail is divided into logical starting and stopping points, it can be very rugged. Baker says many people begin the trail and quickly turn around and leave. "Everyone has to walk their own walk," he says. "Some people hike the trail to lose themselves. Others try to find themselves. I wasn't either. I did it because it was there." •

## HUSKY notes

### 1931

**Frank Golder**, retired Bloomsburg High School teacher, coach and principal, turned 100 in August 2009.

### 1959

**Norm Watts** of Watts Investments, Media, was named to *Philadelphia Magazine's* list of 2009 five-star wealth managers, an elite group

representing fewer than 4 percent of the 15,000 wealth managers in the Philadelphia area.

### 1962

**Shirley Smeltz Brosius**, a Millersburg writer, received a gold award in inspirational/spiritual writing from The Young Voices Foundation for her 2006 book *Sisterhood of Faith: 365 Life-Changing Stories About Women Who Made a Difference*.

### 1964

**Joan Davison Miller**, a BU nursing faculty member, and her husband, Dr. O. Fred Miller, were honored by the Danville Area Red Cross for their community contributions.

### 1965

**Larry W. Greenly** won first prize in the 2009 National Federation of Press Women's communications contest, New Mexico division, and second prize in the national division for his literary page in *albuquerqueARTS*.

**Tom Ryan**, Ashland, a retired teacher, coach, sports announcer and DUI deterrence coordinator, is archivist for the Bernie Romanoski Sr. Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

### 1967

**Nila Sorensen Hill** and husband, **Doug Hill '69**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June 2009. They met on the dance floor at Centennial Gymnasium in 1965.

### 1968

**Dennis Siegmann** retired after 37 years as a science teacher, wrestling coach, high school principal and middle school principal in Bristol, Conn. He now lives in Independence, Kan.

### 1970

**Nancy Grifasi MacNeill**, Bensalem, retired from Bristol Township School District after 39 years of teaching.

### 1971

**Gary Blasser**, Annandale, Va., retired from the Pentagon Department of Defense after serving more than 37 years in the federal government.

### 1973

**James Cielinski** was appointed general sales manager for Weldship Corp. of Bethlehem, a worldwide supplier to the industrial and specialty gas industry.

**Janis Ciccone Pusateri** is the regional account manager for FamilyMattersLive, Clarke Summit and Jersey City, N.J. **Richard Ward**, Larchmont, N.Y., founded Ward Consulting Group in 2008.

### 1974

**Richard Robison** retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare after a 30-year career as a social worker and social work supervisor at Harrisburg and Wernersville state hospitals. He now works part-time as an outpatient

### Long serves as interim VP

**JEFFREY C. LONG '80** is serving as BU's interim vice president for student affairs, filling the vacancy created by Preston Herring's death.



Long, assistant vice president for student life for the past nine years, now leads the university division devoted to students' lives outside of the classroom.

Student Affairs includes admissions, student activities and residence life, student standards, student health and counseling, career development and drug and alcohol intervention programs. Long also oversees auxiliary enterprises,

including Kehr Union, the University store, the Child Center, the Student Recreation Center and dining services.

Long earned master's degrees from the State University of New York in Albany and the College of St. Rose in Albany and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Georgia. He has held administrative and faculty positions at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, College of St. Rose and University of Georgia.

therapist for Edgewater Psychiatric Services, Harrisburg.

### 1975

**Tom Sweitzer**, Hummelstown, was presented the U.S. Professional Tennis Association's Alex Gordon National Tennis Professional of the Year award in 2009 by tennis great Billie Jean King.

### 1976

**David E. Coffman** is president and chief executive officer of the Business Advisors Group, Seaside Park, N.J., a company he founded in 2008.

### 1977

**Jim Blockus**, a supply specialist for the Defense Distribution Center, was awarded the Defense Logistics Agency Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

**George Ebright**, New Holland, is a partner in CustomCut Millwork Inc.

**Jan Young Heller** is regional vice president for commercial banking operations at the Wells Fargo Co., leading the suburban Philadelphia commercial team.

**Lt. Col. Gene W. Walters** was awarded the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Gill Robb Wilson

### Dallabrida receives Harvard award

**SUSAN M. DALLABRIDA '93** was recently awarded a Harvard Catalyst Pilot Award from the Harvard Clinical and Translational



Science Center at Harvard Medical School in Boston. Dallabrida, who became part of the Harvard University faculty in 2003, competed with more than 600 applicants for the award.

Dallabrida proposed a new cardio protective drug for assisting with cardiac ischemia, which causes the most heart disease-related deaths in the industrialized world. For the program, she leads a team of 11 investigators from diverse disciplines and six institutions affiliated with Harvard Medical School. Currently, there are no established drugs to prevent or treat cardiac ischemia.

After graduating from BU cum laude with bachelor's degrees in biology and chemistry, Dallabrida earned a doctorate in molecular biology and biochemistry from Pennsylvania State University in 1999. In 2001, she received BU's Young Alumni of the Year Award.

Academic Award for meritorious performance and distinguished service in the CPA senior member training program. He is an Anglican priest and chaplain.

## 1978

**Sheree Ryalls Montgomery** is principal of the Lower Makefield School. She holds a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from Cabrini College.

## 1979

**Lynda Wiest '79/'84M** and **Maureen "Mo" McDonald '83** kayaked the 72-mile shore of Lake Tahoe for the second and final time in August 2009 to raise funds for Nevada animal welfare organizations.

## 1981

**Capt. Gina Spleen Jaeger** of the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps is assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella, Sicily, as executive officer.

**Mark A. Kelley**, assistant vice president/investments, has joined the Blue Bell office of Janney Montgomery



Scott. A chartered retirement planning specialist, he has 20 years of industry experience.

## 1982

**Rev. Dennis Beaver** is pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waynesboro.

**Michael McMane** is president of the Livingston (N.J.) Chamber of Commerce and a financial adviser with Key Group Wealth Management.

**Donald Reese** was inducted into the Hughesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. A two-time state champion at Hughesville, he wrestled for BU and was NCAA national runner-up in 1982.

**Marcia Hornung Slaton**, a reading teacher in the Shikellamy School District, was one of 12 finalists for Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year for 2010.

## 1985

**Gerald Ganz Jr.**, Tallahassee, Fla., is chief financial officer for

the Florida State University Foundation.

## 1986

**Wendy Lyden Benedict** is a sales agent with the Bethlehem office of Coldwell Banker Heritage Real Estate.

**Pamela Ohl Berman '98M** is a faculty member in the web design and interactive media program at the Art Institute of Charleston.

**Neil Boyd**, assistant professor of management at Lycoming College, was recognized for his work with the Academy of Management.

**Lynn Tarapchak Fanelli** is ExxonMobil's human resources manager for the United Kingdom and Ireland. She has worked in safety, health and environment, and human resources since joining the company in 1987.

**Stacy L. Garrity** was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. A bronze star recipient, she is executive officer for the 320th Military Police Battalion at Camp Bucca Iraq Theatre Internment Facility.

**Lisa Kalinich McClure '86M**, a certified speech language pathologist, has joined ManorCare Health Services, Pottsville.

**Kathleen Earley Rine** earned the designation of certified nurse educator from the National League for Nursing. She has been teaching since 1988.

**John M. Scott**, Chester Springs, chief financial officer for Graboyes Commercial Window Co., was named the 2009 chief financial officer of the year in two categories by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*.

## 1988

**Letty Wharton Gray** and her husband, Judge Richard A. Gray, Lycoming County, marked their 40th wedding anniversary in 2009.

## 1989

**Mitchell Berman**, professor of psychology, is interim associate dean at the University of Southern Mississippi. He joined the faculty in 1996.

**Michael Grothe** is a vice president and commercial loan officer for TIB Bank in Fort Myers, Fla. **Shakuntala Rao** is a professor in

## BU grad named to USDA post

**THOMAS WILLIAMS JR. '81M** is serving as Pennsylvania's state director for rural development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



Rural development administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a network of 6,100 employees in 500 national, state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability and quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more

than \$114 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

Williams previously was the district projects director for U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski and executive director of the Nanticoke's department of community development.

## Ruhl returns as director of development

**THOMAS RUHL '78** joined BU as director of development in December 2009. A former member of BU's alumni board of directors, Ruhl previously conducted fundraising for higher education institutions and medical facilities, including Lycoming College and Pennsylvania College of Technology, both in Williamsport; Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg; and Good Samaritan Hospital, Baltimore. He earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education/music from BU and completed credits toward music education certification at Bucknell University.



As director of development, Ruhl is leading efforts to secure financial support for BU through major gifts, annual giving and planned giving. "Bloomsburg University helped to shape who I am today," he says, "and I'm excited about the opportunity to play a role in shaping the lives of current and future students."

the department of communications, Center for Communication and Journalism, State University of New York.

**Mark Salak** was inducted into the Wayne County Sports Hall of Fame. A former Huskies soccer player, he is project manager for the Quandt Group, Harrisburg.

## 1990

**Lara Hess** owns the Danville Bodywork Center, a massage therapy business.

**Randy Stradling**, Yardley, is a vice president and relationship manager for First Priority Bank of Malvern.

## 1991

**Kimberly Lieberman Robinson** is a paralegal with Antheil Maslow & MacMinn, Doylestown.

## 1992

**Jack W. Emery Jr. '04M** is branch manager of First National Bank's offices in Middleburg and New Berlin. **Daniel J. Finn** is president of the Augusta Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management.



For the past 10 years, he served as director of human resources for the Medical

College of Georgia in Augusta. **Christopher Lynch**, Athens, was promoted to assistant vice president for First Citizens National Bank. He is a member of the Northern Tier Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

## 1993

**Rodney Becker** is branch manager at the Palmyra branch of Jonestown Bank & Trust.

**Joseph J. Butcher**, Kingston, joined LPL Financial as a financial services representative.

**Christina Groff Hinkle** was named 2009 teacher of the year at Lampeter-Strasburg School District in the Lancaster area, where she teaches fifth grade.

**Kevin Kenjarski** is vice president of sales for North American pharmaceutical and healthcare packaging operations for Keller Crescent Co., a subsidiary of Clondalkin Group.

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## Miller leads lab facilities

Steven Miller '85 is heading neurological testing laboratory facilities for NeuroFocus, Berkley, Calif. Miller, a neuropsychologist, is experienced in the assessment and treatment of problems in attention, language and reading development. His work has resulted in more than 100 publications, book chapters, U.S. patents and research awards.



Earlier in his career, Miller was co-founder and chief scientist for the Scientific Learning Corp. He also worked on the research faculty at Rutgers University's Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience. He holds a master's degree from the University of Hartford and a doctorate from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

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## 1994

**George Sherman**, Slatington, joined the business development group of Allentown Valve & Fitting Co.

**Jennifer Oiler Shoup '98M** is director of elementary and secondary education for the Bloomsburg Area School District.

**Maj. Penny Roush Spaid**, Middleburg, a registered nurse, is serving on the USNS Comfort military hospital ship as part of a humanitarian and civic assistance mission at ports of call throughout Latin America.

**David Yost** is the varsity boys' basketball coach for the Southern Columbia High School Tigers.

## 1995

**Stephanie McDonald**, owner of Austin (Texas) Adventure Boot Camp, was named one of the city's Top 25 Health and Fitness Entrepreneurs by *Austin Fit Magazine*.

## 1996

**William George**, head wrestling coach at Palm Beach Gardens High School since 2005, was named Palm Beach County coach of the year for 2008 and 2009. He is a former BU wrestler and NCAA qualifier.

**Thomas C. Graver Jr.**,

Loyalsock, was promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer of Mifflinburg Bank & Trust.

**Christopher Groody** is principal at the Beaver-Main and WW. Evans elementary schools in the Bloomsburg Area School District.

## 1998

**Elaine Schnoor Chong** was the summer 2009 artist-in-residence at the Printmaking Council of New Jersey in Branchburg. She is an assistant professor of art at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown.

**John Stillo** earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Wilkes University.

## 1999

**Christina Bauer**, Los Angeles, Calif., was featured in a critical review on luminescent metal-organic frameworks published in *Chemical Society Reviews*.

**Alisa Sickora Kleckner** is co-owner of the puppet theater company, Little Bunny Voodoo, with her husband, Chris.

**Brian Mullen** was recognized by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants as



a 40 under 40: PICPA Members to Watch 2009. He is a senior sales tax accountant

with CertainTeed Corp. in Valley Forge, Pa.

**Andrew D. Stuka '99M**, Plains Township, is a faculty specialist of exercise science at the University of Scranton.

## 2000

**Kristie Dorunda** is a marketing consultant for Community Newspaper Group, a division of Times Shamrock Communications.

**Kristy Keyock** earned a master's in nursing from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. She also obtained certification as an adult nurse practitioner from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She works for Jefferson Urology Associates.

**Dan McGarry** is an information systems technician with S.W. Thomas Consultants Inc. of Mechanicsburg.

## 2001

**Elizabeth Garrigan-Byerly** graduated from Andover Newton Theological School in May 2009 and was ordained in the United Church of Christ. She is pastoral resident at the Wellesley Congregational Church, Wellesley, Mass.

**Dr. Ken Foster** is the dentist for the Susquehanna River Dental Health Clinic in Sunbury.

**Stephanie Zigner Rowe** teaches business classes at Susquehanna Township High School. She also serves as a co-competitive events coordinator with Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders.

## 2002

**Michele Lundy Alexander '02M**, Jersey Shore, is principal of the Lock Haven Catholic School.

**R. Lynn Hummel '03M**, Clearfield, is assistant principal of the Clearfield Area High School.

**Nicole Rafferty Keiner** graduated from the Institute for Organization Management at Villanova University. She is director of communications and

marketing for the Harrisburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and Capital Region



Economic Development Corp. **John Ruckno**, Dallas, joined the Prudential Poggi & Jones real estate firm.

## 2003

**Valerie Hakes Fessler**, South Williamsport, is director of alumni relations for Pennsylvania College of Technology.

**David J. Hoffman**, a certified registered nurse practitioner and occupational health nurse, is manager of occupational health and wellness at Shamokin Area Community Hospital.

**Michael Kalmbach**, founder and director of the New Wilmington Art Association, was recognized for outstanding arts advocacy by the Christina Cultural Arts Center, Wilmington, Del.

## 2004

**Emily L. Bray**, Lancaster, earned a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from



Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2009. She is

continuing medical training at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia.

**John "Dave" Gantz**, Lancaster, a long-distance hiker and former BU soccer player, hiked the 2,700-mile Pacific Coast Trail alone in 118 days.

**Eric Reimer** graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary with a master's of divinity studies and was ordained by the Lutheran Church in June 2009. He is pastor of Rehoboth Evangelical in Baden.

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# LINEUP

REUNIONS, NETWORKING, AND SPECIAL EVENTS



FORMER BU HUSKIES SWIMMERS attending last fall's reunion are, left to right seated: Katie Leibelsperger '04, Laura Jeffers '07, Kelly Grimaldi '04, Kristin Harrison '06, Lindsay Bumbarger '04 and Ashley Koch '06. Standing are BU President David Soltz, left, and his wife, Robbie.



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1965, shown left to right, are Ann Shutts Shuttlesworth Degler, Fern McCullough Field, and Sandy Geiger Thomas and, standing: Virginia Wright Tinner, Linda Rizzo Jerome, Ann Fister Kluck, Nancy Troutman DeJesus, and Trudy Snyder Foster.



SUMMER 2009 PITTSBURGH: Friendships formed at BU can last a lifetime, as demonstrated by a recent reunion attended by, left to right: May Showers Smith '84, Wendy Bittner Ward '84, Brenda Schreffler Nichols '85, Gail Hartman '84, Mary Beth Murphy Denny '84 and Mary Zelenak Gutermuth '84.



BU ALUMNI GATHER AT KILDARE'S, West Chester, for a Trick-or-Treat social before the Huskies football game against the Golden Rams. Shown, left to right, are: Bonnie Ganter Tizio '81, Cathy Ritner Casey '82, Vito Thatcher '83, Kathy Charlton Thatcher '83, Kathie Guyer Tuoni '82 and Lisa Perry Papageorgiou '83.



SIX MEMBERS OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> BU ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS were inducted last October. Shown left to right are: Bob De Carolis '76, administrator; Randy Watts '75, wrestling; Jen German '97, basketball; David Soltz, BU president; Mary Gardner, BU athletic director; Gisela Smith '92, field hockey; Stephanie Humphries Campbell '95, swimming; and Chet Henicle '95, baseball and football.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### MARRIAGES

Peter Guthy '84 and Carole Penaloza, Jan. 25, 2008	Dana Leigey '02 and Robert Smetana, July 5, 2008	Maryann Cregan '05 and Josh Heatherby, May 30, 2009	Jenna Nixon '06 and David Blouch Jr., Oct. 3, 2009
Donna M. Spindler '91 and John Paone Jr., June 20, 2009	Aaron Martin '02 and Devon Lewis, Sept. 27, 2008	Justin Gible '05 and Crystal Irwin, May 23, 2009	Tara Hartman '07 and Nicholas Lorson, Sept. 26, 2009
Denise Beechay '93 and Angelo Venditti, Oct. 4, 2008	Penney Prisco '02 and Ryan Messick, Sept. 19, 2009	Cheryl Horvath '05 and Robert Serpiello, July 19, 2009	Danielle Hubler '07 and Brandon McDowell, Oct. 4, 2008
Ricky Huggler '93 and Kristy Petty, Aug. 22, 2009	Joseph J. Dominick '03 and Jennifer Carey, Oct. 4, 2008	Katie Humen '05 and Ben Hall '05, Sept. 9, 2009	Gayle Kauffman '07 and Jeffrey Carver '03, June 13, 2009
Kurt Williams '93 and Karen Novicki, Sept. 13, 2008	Carolyn Johnson '03 and Jeffrey Scott DeLoach, June 28, 2008	Brian Jakl '05 and Abby Moon, Aug. 8, 2009	Rosemary Kurpiewski '07M and Michael Wincovitch Jr., Aug. 16, 2009
Jodi Coombs '95 and Clyde Houseknecht, Aug. 1, 2009	David Ogozalek '03 and Amanda Scheutrumppf, July 26, 2008	Sarah Jones '05 and Mark Britton, March 28, 2009	Adam Loser '07M and Kristen Kirk, June 20, 2009
Kerri Ventriglia '95 and Brian Celentano, Oct. 18, 2008	Kyle Shearer '03 and Lisa Murray, Erin Barrett '04 and Peter Ruhl, Aug. 15, 2009	Valerie Jones '05 and Michael Klingaman '04, Aug. 2, 2008	Tanya McFalls '07 and Todd Tanner, Aug. 14, 2009
Lisa Dennis '97 and Jon Pollard '97, July 4, 2008	Lisa Murray, Erin Barrett '04 and Peter Ruhl, Aug. 15, 2009	Mandi Sebring '05 and Todd Westphal, Dec. 6, 2008	Arielle Caffey '08 and Jonathan Dunkle, Oct. 16, 2009
Diana Nimmo '98 and Michael Merida, Oct. 12, 2009	Jaime Graziano '04 and William Watt	Tiffany Brennan '06 and Timothy Rissel, Aug. 15, 2009	Melissa Landis '08 and Jonathan Scott Beer '06, Oct. 10, 2009
Marissa Barrett '99 and Eric Harvilicz, June 6, 2009	Jillian Lipinski '04 and Michael Zarnas, Aug. 1, 2009	Kerry Gordon '06 and Aaron Fidler, Sept. 6, 2008	Danielle Olivieri '08M and Ryan Rosensteel, June 13, 2009
Jason M. Marinko '99 and AiLinh Tran, May 23, 2009	Amanda L. Lucas '04 and Bryan E. Ebbert Michael J. Paulson '04 and Sara Schroyer, May 2, 2009	Jamie Kauczka '06 and Dominick Esagro IV '06, Oct. 18, 2008	Ashley Robinson '08 and Jerry Altavilla, June 20, 2009
John C. Christmas '00 and Christine Creegan, Aug. 8, 2009	Michael J. Ross '04 and Amanda Gustafson, April 25, 2009	Rachel Kline '06 and Scott B. Anderson, June 20, 2009	Morgan Sweely '08 and Edward Emel Jr., Oct. 3, 2009
Laura Ann Clark '01 and Patrick Thomas Kerrigan, Dec. 27, 2008	Michael J. Ross '04 and Amanda Gustafson, April 25, 2009	Tara Koch '06 and Bradley Knorr	Katie Burns '09 and Steven Kehoe, May 30, 2009
Pamela DiGiacomo '02 and Ryan Eisenhart, March 28, 2009	Timothy Southworth '04 and Molly Evenson, May 2, 2009	Brenda Koser '06 and Christopher Cool, June 27, 2009	Regina Steppe '09 and Samuel Fenstermaker, June 6, 2009
Chrysta Kenenitz '02/'04M and Kenneth Murdock, May 16, 2009	Lisa Stefursky '04 and Jeffrey Paone, Sept. 5, 2008	Elizabeth Larson '06 and Ryan Wanttaja '06, July 11, 2009	
	Blaire Balliet '05 and Nathan Prough, June 27, 2009	Brett Leinbach '06 and Monica Loner, June 20, 2009	

### BIRTHS

Traci Dutko Strungis '90 and husband, Robert, a daughter, Sierra Olivia, May 21, 2009
Melissa Sietz Medford '92 and husband, Blane, a son, Alexander Blane
Brendan Degenhart '93 and wife, Karen, a daughter, Margaret Eileen, Jan. 1, 2009
Brenda Gottschall Reigle '96 and husband, Joseph, a daughter, Skye Gabrielle
Kate Jesberg Bauman '97 and husband, Mark Bauman '95, a son, Gus, Oct. 27, 2009
Gina Wassell Hakes '97/'99M and husband, Shawn Hakes '97, a daughter, Gabriella Maria, Aug. 10, 2009
Lisa Pollard '97 and husband, Jon Pollard '97, a son, Simon, Sept. 9, 2009
Erin McNelis Lutz '98 and husband, Brian Lutz '98, a son, Cormac Hugh, Dec. 12, 2008
Megan Keller Matzner '98 and husband, Jeffrey Matzner '96, a son, William Otto, Aug. 27, 2009
Julie Guisewhite Novia '98 and husband, Marc, a son, Isaac Robert, April 22, 2009
Kim Vetter Jordan '99 and husband, Mark, a daughter, Hailey Reese, April 13, 2009
Brian Mullen '99 and wife, Kate, a daughter, Anna Katherine, Sept. 9, 2009
Jamie Butler Powers '99 and husband, David Powers '01, a son, Cole Harrison, March 29, 2009
Regan O'Malley Higgins '00 and husband, Dan, a son, Liam Patrick, Sept. 29, 2009



**Stacie Sacher Nehl '00** and husband, Roger, a son, Andrew Henry, May 23, 2008

**Kelly Cornelius Parlapiano '00** and husband, **Joe Parlapiano '00**, a daughter, Paige Jordan, Aug. 29, 2009

**Heather Fleck Wentz '00** and husband, Stephen, a son, Ethan Daniel, Dec. 25, 2007

**Nicole Zomerfeld George '01** and husband, **David George '02**, a son, Conner Ryan, May 1, 2009

**Wendy West Long '01/'02M** and husband, **Joshua Long '01**, a daughter, Juliette Renee, May 27, 2009

**Rebecca Gerber McGeehan '01** and husband, Ryan, a son, Jameson Paul, Sept. 2, 2009

**Kathryn Curry-Puskar '01** and husband, Carl, a daughter, Ava Kathryn, Jan. 26, 2009

**Kimberly Armstrong Engleman '02** and husband, Eric, a son Samuel Allen, July 23, 2009

**Kimberly Truppo Haupt '03** and husband, **Justin Haupt '04**, a daughter, Haylee Sharon, Aug. 25, 2009

**Jennifer Bettine Heidlebaugh '03** and husband, **Roger Heidlebaugh '02**, a son, Tyler Dean, Aug. 27, 2009

**Jacquelynn Loehwing Hoare '05** and husband, **Chad Hoare '05**, a daughter, Natalie Bloom, Aug. 16, 2009

**Crystal Hollednak Rodgers '05** and husband, Gary, July 29, 2009

**Carey Baker McCloskey '06** and husband, Brad, a daughter, Kaylie Marie McCloskey

## OBITUARIES

Jessie Laird Haywood '32  
Virginia Heimbach Daugherty '40  
Air Force Lt. Col. (Ret.) David M. Jones '43  
Helen Behler Mitchell '44  
Marilyn Sailer Jackson '45  
Harriet Rhodes Hantjis '47  
Lado J. Savelli '47  
John S. Davis '48  
Ruth White Bath '49  
Herbert H. Fox '49  
Theodore I. Harwood '49  
Robert W. Leshinski '50  
Andrew Soback '50  
Francis R. Bodine '51  
George Lambrinos '53  
Joseph Colone Sr. '54  
Joanne Dauber Beach '56  
Paul R. Peiffer '56  
Margaret "Peggy" Lynch Whitehead '58  
J. Leslie Jones '59  
Helen Amberlavage Larkin '59  
Robert J. Mescan '59  
Gerald L. Treon '59  
Lucille Frank Isaac '60  
Lawrence Dombek '63  
Evelyn Hocken Gimber '63  
Judith Ann Price Reynolds '63  
Frank M. Berginski '64  
Barbara Malone Marks '64

Robert S. Platt '64  
Rocco "Rocky" Forte '65  
Mary Jo Wanzie Griffiths '65  
James E. Tamecki '66  
Joseph D. Fleming '67  
William H. Post III '67  
Paul H. Quick Sr. '67  
James E. McCurdy '68  
Linda Zaneski Leto '69  
Elaine Finehart Mueller '69  
Paul V. Graff '72  
Joyce Lawton Lehman '74  
Margaret Gimmer Yori '74  
Jane Leshko Bartol '75  
Barbara J. Pelachick '75  
Christopher Hager '77  
Cheryl A. Haviland '77  
Frances Fausey-Beachell '80  
Marjorie Ann Humphrey Kroschewsky '82  
Kathy Coffin Cook '83  
Janice Dewees Hanson '85  
Michael S. Morris '86  
Glen T. Hastings '86  
David H. Gossman '87  
Wanda Catherman Garbrick '91M  
Ralph C. Jones '92  
Alfred D. "Buddy" Oeller '02  
Richard A. Mirro '03



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## 2005

**Michael E. Kaminsky**, Mechanicsburg, earned a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of



Osteopathic Medicine in May 2009. He is continuing medical training at Naval

Medical Center, San Diego, Calif. **Katie Metarko**, Bloomsburg, a lending specialist with Citizens & Northern Bank, graduated from the Pennsylvania Bankers Association's Advanced School of Banking in State College. **Christopher McDonough**, U.S. Army specialist, graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

## 2006

**Karaanne Boneill** earned a master's in education from Wingate University, Wingate, N.C., and is teaching in Georgetown, S.C. **Frank M. Carvino** earned a master's degree in historical archaeology from the University of Massachusetts. He is listed on the 2009 Register of Professional Archaeologists.

**Kristin A. Furth** is the district psychologist for the Upper Dauphin Area School District. She holds a master's in education and school psychology certification from Bucknell University.

**Tracy Hess Golder** is an assistant professor of nursing at Wilkes University.

**Rachel Iannotti** is marketing manager with Jeanne Ruddy Dance, Philadelphia.

**Christopher Morris** teaches theater and acting at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts.

**Jennifer Probst**, Harrisburg, a former Huskies softball player, is head softball coach and coordinator of athletic operations at Misericordia University.

## 2007

**George Aulisio**, Old Forge, is an assistant professor in the University of Scranton's Weinberg Memorial Library.

**Aaron Cunningham** was promoted to a vice president of Jersey Shore State Bank, managing the bank's credit department and loan accounting functions.

**Denae Lewis** teaches child development and family and consumer science at Mount

Union Area High School.

**Kathleen McPeck** is a special education teacher at Mount Olive Middle School in New Jersey.

## 2008

**Paul Brones**, Ocean City, Md., is a fitness director at the Tilton Fitness' Mays Landing facility.

**Matt Hamm** provides strength and conditioning services for the Northern York County School District as an employee of Drayer Physical Therapy Institute.

**Krista L. Johnston** is a special education teacher at William Allen High School in Allentown.

**Lauren Kessler** works as a speech therapist for Elwyn Non-Public School Program, Philadelphia.

**Michael A. McGeoy**, Harrisburg, passed his CPA exams within his first year of employment with Boyer and Ritter Accounting, Camp Hill.

**Brian D. Roadarmel** is an account representative with Pocono Produce Co.

**Tyler Winters** teaches fifth grade at Renn Elementary School, East Lycoming School District.

## 2009

**James J. Anthony** is a science teacher at Pittston Area High

School.

**Justin E. Campbell**, a U.S. Navy seaman, completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

**Shannon Hoffman** is editor of the University of Maryland's online health blog, *The Healthy Turtle*.

**Joshua Kline** is an AmeriCorps volunteer, working at Action Health, Danville.

**Shawn Lively**, Allenwood, is manager of the RidgeCrest Restaurant and Café at RiverWoods Senior Living Community in Lewisburg.

**Lauren Melnyk** is a human resources coordinator at Eisai Pharmaceuticals Inc.

**Gregory Pimm**, Harveys Lake, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and is on active duty as a pilot at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. **Kyle Ream**, BU football offensive most valuable player in 2008, is an assistant coach at Susquehanna University. He is the son of **Al Ream '74**, head coach at West Perry High School.

**Christina Scatton**, Hazleton, teaches seventh grade social studies at Lake Wallenpaupak Middle School.



Members of BU's Class of 1959 raised \$30,000 to establish an endowed scholarship as part of their 50-year reunion celebration. Class members and BU representatives shown in the accompanying photo, left to right, are: BU Alumni Director Lynda Michaels '87/'88M, William Norton, Sonja Bendinsky-Norton, Ronald Romig, BU President David Soltz, Carl Janetka, Marie Walsh and Norman Watts. Missing from the photo is Dave Barnhart.

## A gift with class

WHEN THE CLASS OF 1959 graduated The Fleetwoods and Frankie Avalon were topping the charts, you could buy an Edsel (new) from the dealer lot for \$2,700 and Bloomsburg State Teacher's College was the "friendly college on the hill" serving 1,500 students.

While Bloomsburg University has grown significantly in the past 50 years and tastes in music and autos have changed, a \$30,000 gift for scholarships from the Class of 1959 will help ensure that Bloomsburg remains the "friendly college on the hill" for a new generation of students from throughout Pennsylvania.

Learn how you can help future students at [www.bloomu.edu/giving](http://www.bloomu.edu/giving).





BU sophomore Chika Murakami brings Tokyo style to campus sidewalks. Murakami is a native of Chiba, Japan, part of the greater Tokyo area.

## Academic Calendar

### SPRING 2010

Spring Break Begins  
Saturday, March 6

Classes Resume  
Monday, March 15

Classes End  
Monday, May 3

Finals Begin  
Tuesday, May 4

Finals End  
Saturday, May 8

Graduate Commencement  
Friday, May 7

Undergraduate Commencement  
Saturday, May 8

### SUMMER 2010

Session I – May 24 to July 2  
Session II – July 7 to Aug. 13  
Session III – May 24 to Aug. 13

## Art Exhibits

Exhibitions in the Haas Gallery of Art are open to the public free of charge. For more information, gallery hours and reception times visit <http://departments.bloomu.edu/haasgallery>.

Kim Banister: Drawings  
Until Feb. 5

Jody Servon: Conceptual Art  
Feb. 16 to March 16

Juried Student Art Exhibit  
March 29 to April 16

Senior Exit Show  
April 26 to May 5  
Reception: To be announced

## Celebrity Artist Series

Most events in the 2009-10 Celebrity Artist Series season will be presented in the Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at (570) 389-4409 or visit the Celebrity Artist Web site at [www.bloomu.edu/cas](http://www.bloomu.edu/cas). Community Government Association cardholders pay half of the ticket's face value for all shows. Programs and dates are subject to change.

River North Chicago Dance Company  
Wednesday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m.  
Mitrani Hall  
General Admission: \$29

Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour  
Sunday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m.  
Mitrani Hall  
General Admission: \$29

The Tchaikovsky Ballet Theatre in "Sleeping Beauty"  
Saturday, March 6, 7 p.m.  
Mitrani Hall  
General Admission: \$29

The Georgia Guitar Quartet  
Saturday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.  
Carver Hall  
K.S. Gross Auditorium  
General Admission: \$26

Turtle Island Quartet  
*Love Supreme: A Concert for the Soul*  
Saturday, April 10, 8 p.m.  
Mitrani Hall  
General Admission: \$24

## Concerts

Listed events are open to the public free of charge.

Bloomsburg University-Community Orchestra  
Sunday, March 28, 2:30 p.m.  
Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall

Chamber Orchestra  
Sunday, March 21, 2:30 p.m.  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
123 N. Market St., Bloomsburg

Gospel Choir: Gospelrama  
Saturday, April 17, 4 p.m.  
Kehr Union Ballroom

## Alumni Events

Visit [www.bloomualumni.com](http://www.bloomualumni.com) for details or to register. For information, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (570) 389-4058, (800) 526-0254 or [alum@bloomu.edu](mailto:alum@bloomu.edu).

Alumni Weekend  
Friday to Sunday,  
April 9 to 11

Grad Finale  
Tuesday and Wednesday,  
April 13 and 14

## Theater

Tickets for theatrical productions are available at the box office in Haas Center for the Arts, open Mondays through Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. and remaining open Wednesdays until 7 p.m. when classes are in session. For all shows, the curtains rise Wednesdays through Sundays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Ticket prices will be announced.

### Hamlet

Thursday through Saturday,  
Feb. 18 to March 14, Alvina Krause Theatre, 226 Center St., Bloomsburg.

### New Plays in Bloom

Wednesday through Saturday,  
April 14 to 17, Alvina Krause Theatre, 226 Center St., Bloomsburg.

## Special Events

Siblings and Children's Weekend  
Friday to Saturday April 9 to 11  
Saturday, April 10, afternoon  
carnival with food and games,  
Academic Quad

Quest's Spring Festival  
Saturday, April 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
Upper Campus  
Climbing wall and high ropes  
course; open to alumni, students  
and community members, free

BU/Town of Bloomsburg  
Renaissance Jamboree  
Saturday, April 24  
Downtown Bloomsburg

Symphony Ball  
Saturday, May 1, 6 to 10 p.m.,  
Kehr Union Ballroom  
Contact BU Music Department,  
(570) 389-4289

Parents and Family Weekend  
Friday to Sunday,  
Oct. 8 to 10

Homecoming Weekend  
Saturday and Sunday  
Oct. 23 and 24

For the latest information on upcoming events, check the university Web site, [www.bloomu.edu](http://www.bloomu.edu).

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the shoulder

# The New Deal

## Federal Building Projects on Bloomsburg's Campus

by ROBERT DUNKELBERGER, UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST

FINANCIAL EXPERTS AND the media have drawn parallels between today's economic downturn and the Great Depression, comparing recent economic stimulus initiatives with the New Deal.

The 1930s was a difficult time, with unemployment in the United States peaking at 25 percent in 1933. Help for many out-of-work people came from federal programs that funded construction projects across the country and at the Bloomsburg State Teachers College.

One of the New Deal programs, the Emergency Relief Administration, provided funding to level land east of today's Laubach Drive for a new recreation field. Begun on Dec. 3, 1934, and completed by early 1936, the recreation field was the first of several campus projects, including a gymnasium, classroom building for junior high students, storage building and heating plant renovations.

A request to fund these projects was sent to the Works Progress Administration in fall 1935 and, two years later, the announcement was made that \$578,000 would be available. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Jan. 19, 1938, for what was the single largest construction project in school history. By February 1939, the storage building was finished, and in May alumni

who returned for the college's centennial celebration saw the nearly completed gymnasium and junior high.

These buildings were not quite complete, however,

with funding still needed for electrical equipment. Nearly three years would pass before the gym's long-delayed dedication ceremony was finally held on May 23, 1942. The facility was named Centennial Gymnasium to recognize a century of higher education at Bloomsburg and today, as the renovated Centennial Hall, it is the home of the exercise science, audiology/speech

pathology and anthropology departments; the School of Graduate Studies; and the College of Liberal Arts. The junior high school has been known as Navy Hall since 1942 when it was turned over to the U.S. Naval training programs hosted by the college. Today, Navy Hall houses BU's exceptionality programs and reading center.

The building program throughout the 1930s was important to the college and the surrounding area. Much-needed facilities benefited the students and the hundreds of men who would otherwise have been unemployed. The university continues to benefit from these facilities thanks to the federal programs that helped sustain the region during a very difficult time. ●



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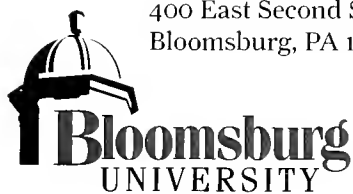
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



# Strategic Planning

THAT TERM SEEMS to elicit a glazed look or, perhaps, a poorly stifled sigh when mentioned in relation to any organization. Neither reaction, however, fits the vibrant strategic planning process we've undertaken this academic year at Bloomsburg University.

A committee made up of students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members embarked on the long-range strategic planning process early last fall with the aim of completing a plan by this summer. The committee named itself SPARC — the Strategic Planning and Resource Council.

The broad goal is to define:

- “Who we are” as an institution; what makes us distinct not only from the other 13 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, but from all regional comprehensive universities;
- What we value as an institution, as demonstrated through our daily actions, interactions and operations; and
- What we aspire to be as an institution.

With guidance from Dr. Madeline Adler, the former president of West Chester University who is now a

**“The...planning process is important for everyone connected to this institution”**

consultant with Penson Associates Inc., and feedback from the campus and community, SPARC produced new mission, vision and value statements. The committee is determining the challenges and opportunities facing the university over the next five years and how to meet them. The end result, of course, is to stay out in front of these key issues, know where we want to go as an institution and take the actions that are required.

Why is this important to you? As a reader of this magazine, you have a strong connection to our university. You know firsthand about our talented faculty, represented in this issue by Gifford

Howarth from the music department and Angela Hess from biology. You're proud of the success of our graduates, such as Vince Urick '01, a research physicist at the U. S. Naval Research Laboratory, and Heather McDanel '89, who started Students Run Philly Style. And you care about the best current educational opportunities for each generation of students, both in and beyond the classroom.

The strategic planning process is important for everyone connected to this institution, providing the road map that keeps Bloomsburg University a university of choice, providing access, opportunity and excellence at an affordable price for each future generation of students.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Soltz".

DAVID L. SOLTZ  
*President, Bloomsburg University*

*For more information on Bloomsburg University's new strategic plan, see [www.bloomu.edu/president/strategic](http://www.bloomu.edu/president/strategic)*



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# fresh perspective

TO BE ABLE TO DEFINE how you want your life to feel, how you want success to feel, you have to understand your best self, your values, your beliefs, your passions, what you want to contribute.

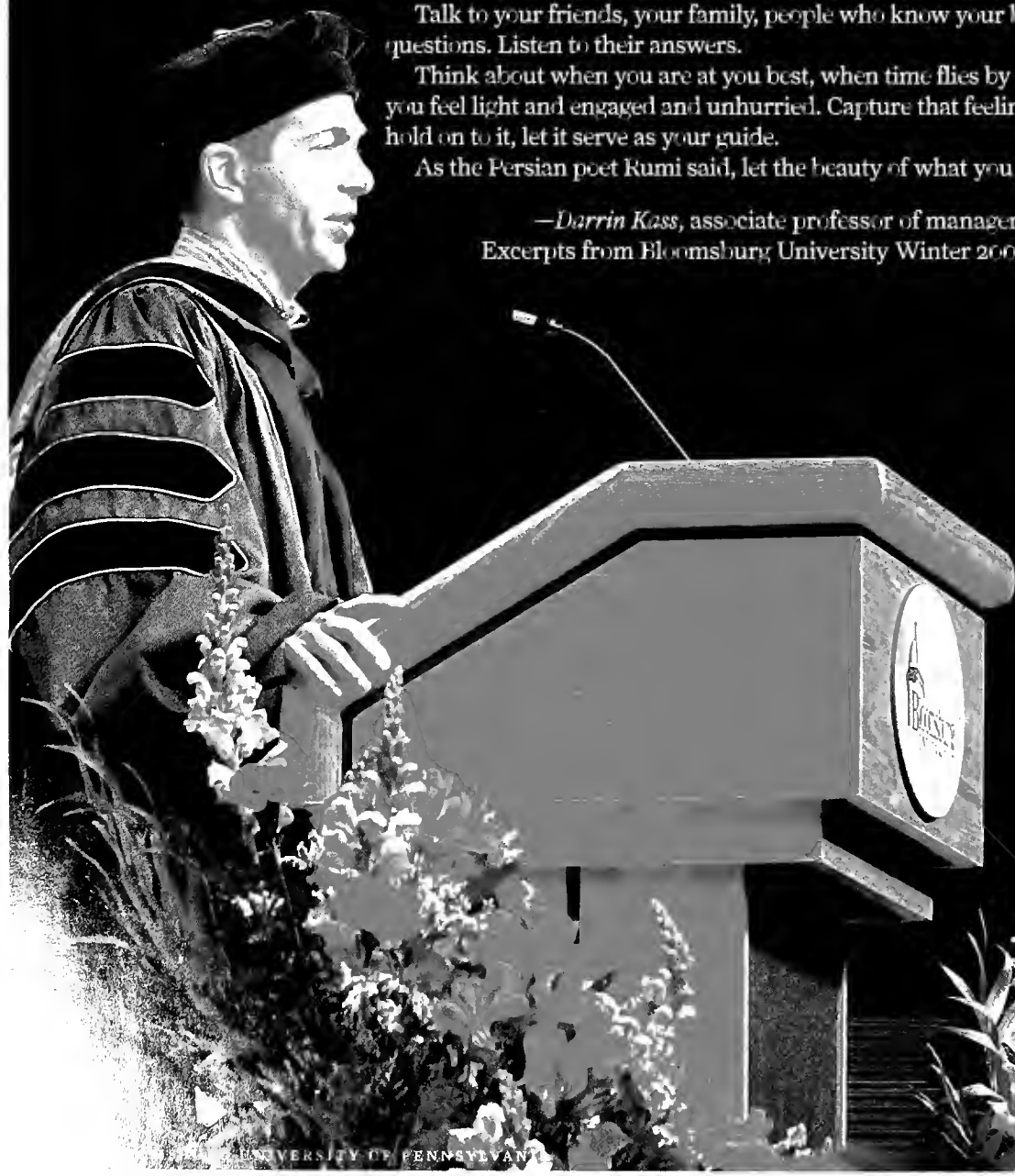
This self-knowledge comes from experience and reflection, so try not to take a narrow path. Open yourself to possibilities. Be active and receptive. Pay attention to day-to-day interactions, conversations and events. Don't play it safe.

Talk to your friends, your family, people who know your best self. Ask hard questions. Listen to their answers.

Think about when you are at you best, when time flies by without a care, when you feel light and engaged and unhurried. Capture that feeling as best you can, hold on to it, let it serve as your guide.

As the Persian poet Rumi said, let the beauty of what you love be what you do. •

—Darrin Kass, associate professor of management and MBA coordinator  
Excerpts from Bloomsburg University Winter 2009 Commencement Address





# Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

## around THE quad

**M**ost people who have seen an episode of *CSI* know that information is never deleted in the age of digital media. You can imagine it, a computer forensics specialist working with a cell phone, pulling and analyzing the photos and information to assist with a police investigation.

This is one of the responsibilities Scott Inch and John Riley, professors of mathematics, computer science and statistics, teach their students in BU's computer forensics program. BU is just one of a few universities in the country, and the only university in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, that offer a bachelor's degree in the field.

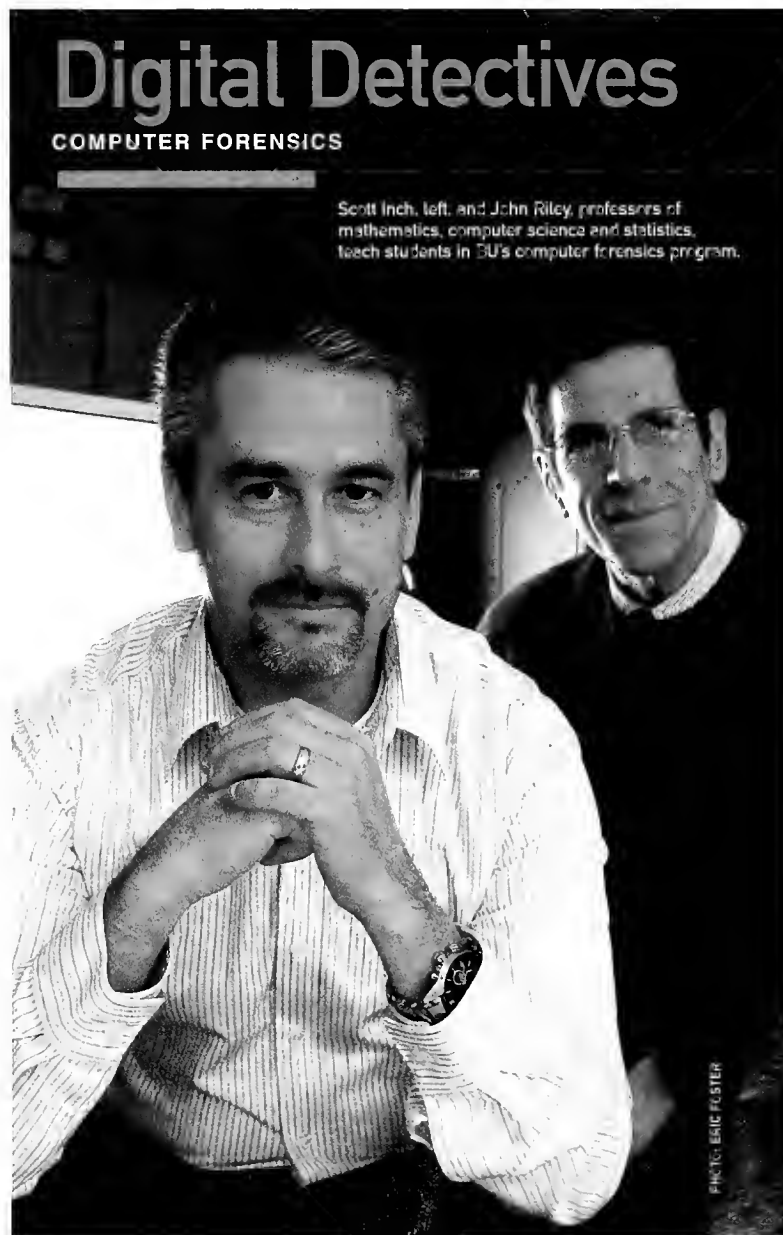
Begun in 2006, computer forensics is a new degree option for BU undergraduates and Inch was pivotal in creating the program. In a brainstorming session for ideas on new courses, a suggestion was proposed to create a class with material based on what one might see on an investigation television show. Inch volunteered to research the topic and attended training. He found computer forensics was something that he not only became interested in, but knew the students would like as well.

Computer forensics has an "extraordinarily great amount of real world application," says Inch. "Although it is time consuming, it is also a very hands-on field where nothing ever stays the same."

Although it is not a requirement, many students in the program, like Steven Budd, complete an internship. Budd, who is from Harrisburg, worked with the Briar Creek Township Police in summer 2009. He shadowed a police officer and worked on a case where he extracted evidence from devices.

"Part of what we teach students is ensuring data is intact," says Riley. "Laws have not caught up with technology to accommodate digital evidence. All this stuff is happening in the field as we build a curriculum around it."

According to Inch, BU has been ahead of the game and employers are now starting to realize they can hire graduates with a degree specific to computer forensics.



With a growing demand for knowledgeable specialists, the computer forensics program is another example of BU's role in educating professionals for careers that are in great demand. •

Two presidents sign the early childhood/elementary education articulation agreement – David Sultz of BU, left, and Donald Snyder of Lehigh Carbon Community College.



PHOTO: ERIC FOSTER

## In Agreement

BU FIRST IN PASSHE TO FORGE BLOCK TRANSFER

**S**TUDENTS WHO EARN AN associate's degree in early childhood and elementary education at one of three community colleges will soon be able to seamlessly transition to BU's bachelor's degree program.

A program-to-program articulation agreement between Lehigh Carbon Community College and BU was formalized earlier this year, quickly followed by similar agreements with Luzerne County Community College and Northampton Community College. These agreements are the first of their kind in Pennsylvania, says Tom Fletcher, director of Corporate and Continuing Education at BU.

"The courses approved for articulation are not based on a course-to-course transfer, as is typically the case," Fletcher says. "Instead, the agreement is a block transfer based on outcomes and competencies. Of

the 60 transfer credits, a total of 31 credits in early childhood education are part of the overall agreement."

The agreements apply to students who began their associate's degree programs in fall 2009. The agreements stipulate that the community college student must graduate with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher and successfully complete the Praxis I examination. The final 60 credits for a bachelor's degree in elementary education will be earned from Bloomsburg University.

Many students will be able to complete their bachelor's degrees close to their hometown. In addition to Bloomsburg's main campus, students will be able to take the classes needed to complete the bachelor's programs at Lehigh Carbon Community College's Morgan Center in Tamaqua and at Luzerne County Community College's main campus in Nanticoke. •

## Performer at Heart

DEAF STUDENT APPEARS IN BTE'S HAMLET

MOST PEOPLE do not fall in love with a future career at 7 years old, but



that's exactly what happened when Eddie Buck, a deaf theatre arts major from Collegeville, played his first role in a school produc-

tion of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

Buck recently performed his first roles with a professional company in the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble's production of *Hamlet*. He executed roles as a pantomime player in the "play within a play," a courtier, servants and a pallbearer. An interpreter backstage assisted with stage cues and many of the other actors helped him onstage.

"I was nervous, but everyone involved with the production was very friendly," says Buck. "They enjoyed having me around. I feel more confident. I didn't feel like I was alone."

Buck attended day programs at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf from the ages of 2 to 16. He transferred to a mainstream high school, graduated and enrolled at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). Initially, Buck was a business major, but took theatre course as electives.

"That's really when it hit me that I did not like business and I wanted to do theatre," says Buck.

He left RIT and after a brief break decided to major in theatre at BU. "The faculty is wonderful. I feel comfortable with them, and I realized I made the best choices."

Buck's goals are to act with a deaf theatre troupe and work in television and film. "I am very happy and doing something I want to do," he says. •

# A Super Education

ACADEMY HELPS LEADERS  
MEET STATE REQUIREMENTS

PENNSYLVANIA LAW requires all educators to earn 180 hours of continuing education credits every five



Starmack

years. Bloomsburg University is helping school district superintendents and assistant superintendents meet the goal through its new Superintendents Academy.

According to Thomas Starmack, assistant professor of education, the academy provides an opportunity for school district leaders to focus on current research, issues and trends in areas such as school law, finance, technology, demographics and student achievement. The academy is open to superintendents, assistant superintendents, intermediate unit executive directors and assistant executive directors, vocational-technical school directors and assistant directors and other central office administrators who can earn up to 60 Act 48 hours annually.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education approved the program for Pennsylvania Inspired Leaders (PIL) credits in December 2009 and the first sessions are running through June. Starmack hopes to expand the group this fall and establish other cohorts across the state.

Starmack is the lead instructor of both the Superintendents Academy and the Principals Academy. Established in 2009, the Principals Academy provides PIL/Act 48 hours for principals, assistant or vice principals and other Pennsylvania-certified administrators. ●

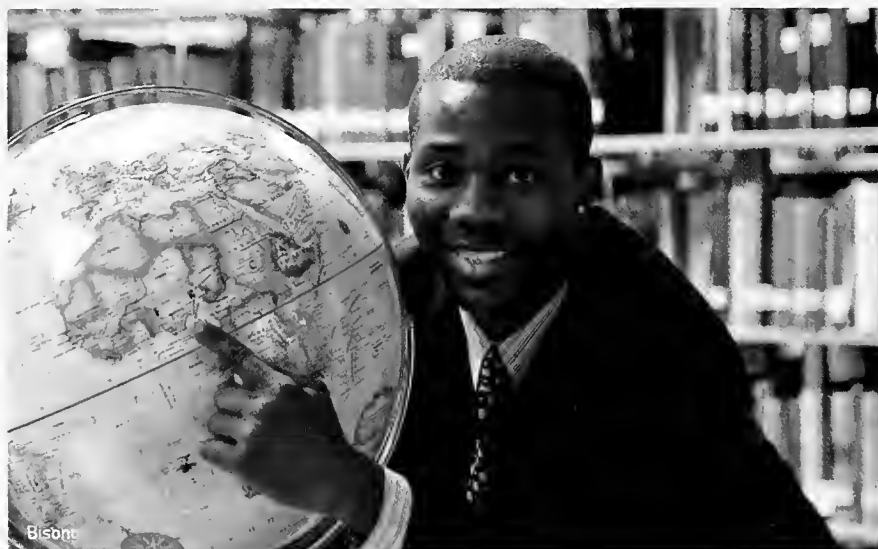
# On a Roll

BU RECOGNIZED FOR  
COMMUNITY SERVICE

BU WAS ONE OF 700 institutions nationwide named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition of a college or university for its commitment to volunteering, service learning and civic engagement.

BU's SOLVE (Students Organized to Learn through Volunteerism and Employment) Office listed three main service activities on its application: SHARE, a student-run mentoring program for area youths with social or academic need; Food Recovery, an effort to package leftover food from campus dining facilities for the Women's Center and Bloomsburg Food Cupboard; and Empty Bowls, the largest one-day fundraiser for the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard. These three events require a total of about 2,000 volunteer hours a year.

The Corporation for National and Community Service oversees the honor roll in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education. ●



# Making a Difference

CAMEROON STUDENT MOTIVATES OTHERS TO SUCCEED

ERIC BISONG, a junior criminal justice major, has been a student leader since arriving on campus three years ago. Initially, he was a mentor for freshmen as a community assistant and, then, a pioneer for African student relations as founder and president of the African Student Association. Most recently, Bisong has been spreading the word about the Global Coalition for Social and Economic Empowerment for African Youths. He launched the coalition last fall as a platform for discussing ways to improve the economic conditions and educational opportunities in Africa.

A native of Cameroon, Bisong established a Web site dedicated to the coalition and runs several related Facebook groups and pages where he regularly posts videos and blogs highlighting international news and commentary about Africa's current educational climate. Bisong believes education is the key to improving living conditions in his native continent. ●



Students from BU and the University of New Hampshire pose at Bethlehem Farm in rural West Virginia where they spent winter break completing service projects, accompanied by the Rev. Don Cramer and Sister Debbie of BU's Catholic Campus Ministry.

## CCM Service Project

GETTING BACK TO THE BASICS

NINE BLOOMSBURG University students completed home repairs, farm chores and volunteered at the food pantry during a joint winter service project with students from the University of New Hampshire at Bethlehem Farm, Pence Springs, W.Va., in central Appalachia.

BU student participants were: Gina Connolly, of Carlisle, a graduate student in speech pathology; Michelle Jansen, from Texas, a senior special education major; Emily Marlin, of Hummelstown, a sophomore management major; Marie-Pier Gascon, of Lititz, a senior elementary education major; Allison McGowan, of Hilltown, a sophomore deaf education major; Beth Wulff, of Honesdale, a senior secondary education/math major; Chris Triantafellow, of Bethlehem, a senior finance/marketing major; Jason Janezic, of Reading, a junior secondary education/history major; and Katherine Zimmerman, of Mechanicsburg, a sophomore elementary education major. The Rev. Don Cramer and Sister Deborah Marie Borneman accompanied the BU students as mentors.

The students raised funds to pay for the trip, along with an additional \$2,300 which was donated to needs at Bethlehem Farm. ●

## CED Accreditation

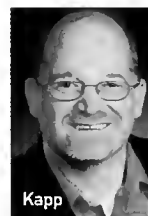
BU PROGRAM ONE OF 37 NATIONWIDE

BU'S EDUCATION of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing master's program received certification from the national Council on Education of the Deaf (CED) for its 10-year accreditation review. The program was established in 1971 and received its first CED accreditation in 1989. The only deaf education graduate program in Pennsylvania, it is one of 72 deaf education programs in the United States. Thirty-seven programs are nationally certified by the Council on Education of the Deaf. ●

## Islands of Learning

BOOK EXPLAINS APPLICATIONS OF 3-D ENVIRONMENT

THE TERM, "AVATAR," describes 3-D representations of ourselves used in video games, virtual worlds, educational software and Web sites. Karl Kapp, professor of instructional technology, explains



Kapp

the educational use of avatars and the 3-D virtual world where they reside in his latest book, *Learning in 3-D: Adding a New*

*Dimension to Enterprise Learning and Collaboration*. Tony O'Driscoll, a Duke University professor, is co-author of the book.

The 3-D virtual environment, also known as Second Life, has practical applications in organizational learning, Kapp says. Science-based Second Life sites, referred to as "Islands," for example, give students the opportunity to learn about a human cell from within or experience what happens beneath the devastating waves of a tsunami. In a professional environment, the technology is currently used to train emergency first responders near Washington, D.C., and teach employees to troubleshoot the malfunction of a turbine, handle the ins and outs of pharmaceutical sales and conduct a physical inventory, to name a few.

"Your personality comes through in your avatar," Kapp says. "It's an extension of yourself that acts and behaves like you would. Training in a virtual environment provides varied experiences and shortens the learning curve." ●

# He's All THIS

STUDENT INTERNS WITH STATE SENATOR

MICHAEL GERBER, a junior political science major from Wyomissing, worked for state Sen. Jay Costa during a 15-week, spring semester internship sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).



Gerber was one of 14 PASSHE students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program, which provides the opportunity for students to work in state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits.

As part of the internship, he and the other students attended several academic seminars and completed individualized research projects.

More than 500 students from PASSHE universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989. ●

# Focused on Elementary Ed

STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM MORGAN TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

NEARLY 50 SCHOLARSHIPS have been awarded to BU students over the past three years, thanks to the John E. Morgan Charitable Trust.

Beginning three years ago with a donation of \$100,000, the Morgan Trust expanded its commitment to higher education at BU with a \$100,000 gift and a \$500,000 endowment in the second year and a \$50,000 donation in the third year, according to Jim Hollister, assistant vice president of external relations.

Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in BU's early childhood education completion program at Lehigh Carbon Community College's Morgan Center in Tamaqua, based on financial need. If funds remain, Morgan Trust scholarships are available to BU students with any major who completed two years of study at LCCC before transferring to BU. Third preference is given to Schuylkill County residents who attend BU.

To date, 47 scholarships have been awarded to 39 students. Hometowns of scholarship recipients include Allentown, Hegins, Jim Thorpe, Lehigh, Nesquehoning and Tamaqua. ●

## QUICK TAKES

*Contemporary Feminist Theory and Activism: Six Global Issues*, a book



by philosophy professor Wendy Lynne Lee, was published by Broadview Press in January. In the book, Lee connects

feminism with topics such as sexual identity, reproductive technology and global exploitation of women's sexuality, economic disparity and institutionalized inequality, the culture industry, religious fundamentalism and terrorism, and ecological responsibility.

Eric S. Rawson, associate professor of exercise science, is an associate editor of the journals



*Amino Acids* and *Applied Physiology, Nutrition and Metabolism*. The journal *Amino Acids*

publishes research in all areas of protein and amino acid research. *Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism* is the official journal of the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology and is supported by the members of the Canadian Nutrition Society.

# Best Value

BU MAKES KIPLINGER'S TOP 100

BU IS RANKED 82nd on *Kiplinger's Personal Finance's* 100 Best Values in Public Colleges, 2009-10. The ranking is based on both academics and affordability, starting with data from more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities. Criteria includes SAT/ACT scores, student/faculty ratio and admission, retention and graduation rates. Also considered are in-state and out-of-state costs and financial aid.

BU ranks above institutions including Oklahoma State University, 91; University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 93; Washington State University, 95; and Colorado State University, 99. In addition to BU, Pennsylvania universities on the list are: University of Pittsburgh, 35; Penn State, University Park Campus, 40; West Chester University, 76; Millersville University, 98; and Shippensburg University, 100. ●

# What Do You Think?

YOU RESPONDED to last year's readers survey. Now, we'd like to know what you think about *Bloomsburg: The University Magazine's* new look and content areas. Please send your comments and story ideas to Bonnie Martin, editor, at [bmartin@bloomu.edu](mailto:bmartin@bloomu.edu) or in care of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Waller Administration Building, 400 E. Second St., Bloomsburg, Pa. 17815. ●

Gary Hardcastle, associate professor of philosophy, is executive secretary and treasurer of the Philosophy of Science Association. The association promotes research, teaching and free discussion of issues in the philosophy of science. The association's journal, *Philosophy of Science*, is published five times each year.





## PICKING (SMALL) SIDES

**MEN'S SOCCER COACH** Paul Payne discussed the philosophy of small-sided games as a way to develop players technically and tactically during a lecture at the Football Federation of Australia's Annual Coaching Conference in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Those favoring small-sided games believe the system offers more opportunity to play since fewer players are on the field at a time.



As vice president of education and a senior national academy staff coach for the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Payne focused on the association's position paper on small-sided games. Other invited speakers and clinicians hailed from Australia, Holland, England and New Zealand. ●

## Swimming Records Sink

**FRESHMAN SWIMMER** Madeline Barlow broke the 24-year school record in the 200 individual medley (IM) with a time of 2:07.19 at the Zippy Invitational in Akron, Ohio. The NCAA "A" cut time automatically qualified her for the 2010 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Swimming Championships in Canton, Ohio. The Huskies' previous 200-IM record of 2:08.56 was set in 1985 by Gwen Cressman.



At the same meet, Barlow, an exercise science major from

Yardley, also broke BU's record for the 200-backstroke with a time of 2:05.82. She achieved NCAA "B" cut times in the 200-backstroke and 100-butterfly and was permitted to swim in both the 200-back and 100-fly with the "B" standard times because she qualified for one event NCAA event with an "A" time.

Barlow was ranked 11th nationally in the 200-IM, 21st in the 200-back and 29th in the 100-fly going into the NCAA championships.

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## It's here: BUHuskies.com

**FANS OF BLOOMSBURG** University may have noticed a new look to the official Huskies athletics Web site, BUHuskies.com, which went live in April.

The new design features more photos of BU student-athletes, as well a calendar that lists each day's contests, according to Tom McGuire, sports information director. Drop-down menus help fans find information on the athletic department, hall of fame and other related items.

"It was a lot of hard work in a relatively short period of time," says McGuire. "In just five and a half months, we went from the initial design phase to the site launch."

McGuire credits the successful launch to the efforts of the small staff of students who work in the SID office, led by intern Ryan Rebholz. "Ryan did a great job helping with the design and keeping our student workers on task with uploading information."

## Relief for Haiti

**STUDENT-ATHLETES** from Bloomsburg University joined others from Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) schools in raising money for the American Red Cross as part of the Haitian Earthquake Disaster Relief effort. At sporting events in mid-February, BU athletes collected \$2,250 for the effort. ●

## REGISTER NOW SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Register now for BU's summer sports camps. Camps are offered in baseball, boys and girls basketball, field hockey, football, soccer, swimming, tennis and wrestling. For a complete listing, see the **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS** (page 32) or [www.bucamps.com](http://www.bucamps.com).

# HARD WORK

WHEN YOUNGSTERS TAKE to the baseball diamond each spring, many dream that one day they will be good enough to play in the major leagues. For Bloomsburg University pitcher Grant Kernaghan, that dream may become a reality.

Kernaghan's name showed up fifth on the Baseball America Division II Top Prospect List, which means he has a good shot of being drafted by a major league team in the June Amateur Baseball Draft.

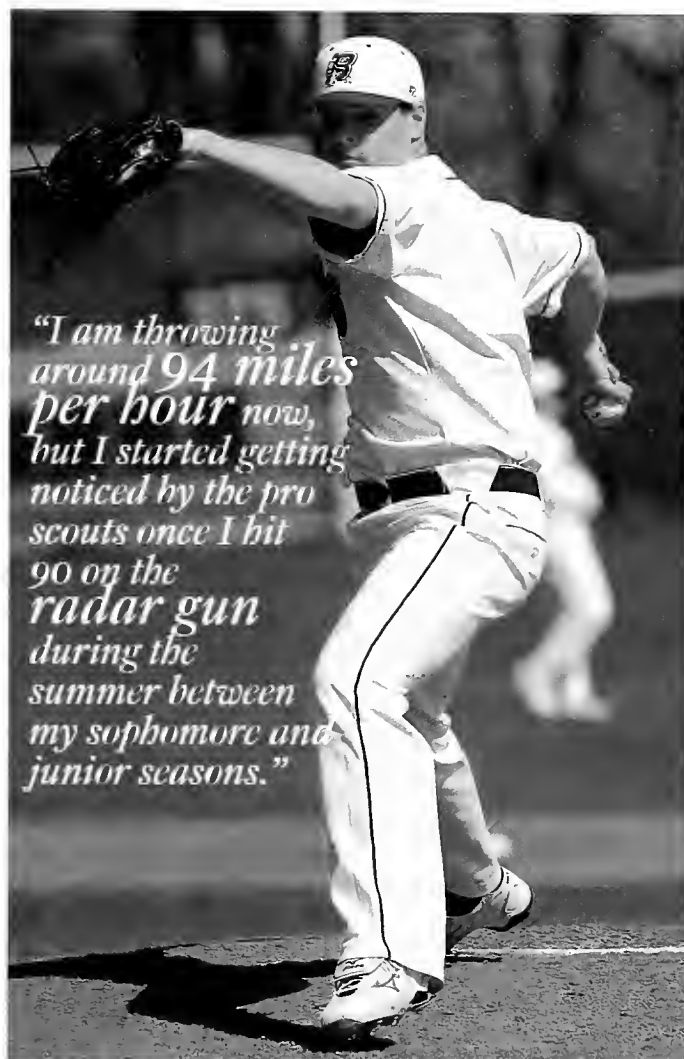
How did the pitcher from Upper Darby who played on a not-so-good high school team get close to the dream of being a pro baseball player? Two words: hard work.

"I came to Bloomsburg throwing around 88 miles per hour," says Kernaghan, a history major set to graduate this spring. "I put in a lot of work in the weight room to get stronger and worked on my conditioning. I am throwing around 94 miles per hour now, but I started getting noticed by the pro scouts once I hit 90 on the radar gun during the summer between my sophomore and junior seasons."

"Grant has worked hard to develop his skills and has improved steadily," says Bloomsburg baseball coach Mike Collins. "I'm proud of how far he has come. We have been very fortunate to have a guy like him on the mound every Friday for the last four years."

Even with a lot of hard work, Kernaghan credits the strong influence of others as key to his success. "My parents have been great in their support of my baseball career," says the tall right-hander. "After a bad game, it is always nice to get a hug from my mom and hear her say, 'Remember, it is just a game.'"

Former players Vinnie James and Dustin Johnson, now an assistant with the Huskies, have been a big help to Kernaghan on the field. "Vinnie talked with me after a bad outing my freshman year and challenged me to get better. Dustin has been great to work with on my mechanics and grip," Kernaghan says.



Now that extra effort means that each time he is scheduled to pitch, scouts from numerous major league teams are watching every throw. "It doesn't bother me now when I see the radar guns pop up from the time I warm up to my last pitch," he says.

"This is all pretty amazing to me," says Kernaghan, a lifelong Philadelphia Phillies fan. "It would be great to be drafted by the Phils, but I'd play for any team as long as it meant I was playing pro ball." ●

## 92 Make the Grade

NINETY-TWO BU student-athletes were honored at the university's 21st annual Scholar-Athlete Luncheon. The annual event celebrates the academic success of student-athletes who have achieved a grade point average of 3.25 or higher during the past two semesters or have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25.

In addition to those honored, 34 freshman or transfer student-athletes posted a 3.25 point average or higher in their first semester at BU, showing promise to become future scholar-athletes.

Also honored were 60 faculty members who student-athletes identified as influential to their academic endeavors. ●

# Running down a DREAM



PHOTO: MIKE ZARRETT

Running brings about positive changes for teenagers mentored by Becky Ritter '07, left, and Heather McDanel '89.

Statistics from Public Health Management Corp. show 20 percent of Philadelphia children suffer from obesity and 28.4 percent are overweight. A program begun by a BU alumna helps Philly teenagers improve their health and self-esteem through running.

BY Willie Colón Reyes

**I**t could be the final, climactic scene in an inspirational Hollywood movie: A wide city street is nearly deserted hours after the start of a 10-mile race. But a lone, overweight teenager struggles to keep going. He's 200 yards from the finish and determined to keep going. Suddenly, 50 young people jump from the sidelines and onto the course. Together, they run with the final racer across the finish line.

The bond they share is written across the front of the blue and green T-shirts they're all wearing: Students Run Philly Style.

Sometimes reality is even better than the movies. Two

years ago this scene played out at the end of Philadelphia's Broad Street Run.

"This was about honoring a kid who, quite honestly, would never be honored for athletics in any other venue," says Heather McDanel '89, program director of Students Run Philly Style, a Philadelphia-based marathon running program conceived as a way to combat childhood obesity. "You can't script it better than this."



McDanel lights up when she tells stories like these. She clearly loves her job and the opportunity it gives her to irrevocably change a young person's life for the better.

The idea that running can change a person's life is not new to McDanel. It changed hers.

When she was a sophomore at Bloomsburg, her mother, a single parent, died. The running club she was part of helped her deal with the loss. "We spent four to five days a week training for long-distance running events, and they became the core of people that helped me process a lot of stuff," she recalls.

In 2004, the head of a local Philadelphia foundation shopped around the notion of a running program for young people. McDanel was tagged for the job, and armed with passion, energy and degrees in both biology and public health she went to work.

"I knew firsthand not only how you can become healthier through running, but also the power of the relationships that can happen when

you have a common goal with other people," she says. "The thought of giving that to young people who have a lot stacked against them was really intriguing. I also just love building things from scratch, and I love teenagers — I'm inspired by their convictions and their creativity."

Based on a similar initiative in Los Angeles, Students Run recruits participants through the Philadelphia public schools as well as local churches, after-school programs and health centers. Young people ages 12 to 18 are matched with adult mentors who help them train for various races throughout the spring and summer, with the ultimate goal of running the Philadelphia Marathon in November.

Mentors also work with students

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on issues of self-esteem, goal setting and discipline. The program includes an SAT prep course, a summer internship with a non-profit partner and an annual summer leadership camp. This year, the program added scholarships for post-secondary education and its own public race to the mix.

About 1,500 students have participated in the program since it started and 600 kicked off the latest season in March. The results have been impressive. Not surprisingly, students reduce their body mass index and improve their cardiovascular fitness. And McDanel expects that soon-to-be released data will back up anecdotal information

about the positive impact the program is having on students' academic performance.

As McDanel explains, "The real point is to take what you do on the road and apply it to the rest of your life."

Becky Ritter '07 knows all about the life-altering effects of Students Run. Ritter got her master's in education for the deaf and hard of hearing at Bloomsburg. She now teaches at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Philadelphia, where she helped start a Students Run team at the urging of another teacher who heard about the program.

Asked for examples of the program's impact, she rattles off a list of her favorite success stories:

- the student with autism who seemingly couldn't read a map, until he needed to map out his runs;
- the overweight, asthmatic student who never participated in class until he discovered how much he loved running — and letting others know about it;
- the initially timid 6-foot, 3-inch student who developed into a mentor and role model to younger participants.

She says the chance to interact with their hearing peers is one of the program's main attractions. "Our students are kind of secluded from the world in some ways," Ritter says. "By doing this, they're with other kids the same age doing the same thing and language is not a barrier."

To her delight, the deaf students have even become the "cool" kids. "The other [hearing] students want to hang out with the deaf kids because they want to learn sign language," Ritter says.

"It's great to see our kids succeed," she adds. "They're not the top athletes at our school, but they're in the 1 percent of Americans who have run a marathon. That's something to say." ♦

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# Career Directions

Internships build on academic foundations  
and help BU students get an early jump  
on today's tight job market.

*by* JAIME NORTH





JONATHAN ADAMS SAW HIS FUTURE come into focus within a few minutes of beginning his internship, literally through a camera lens.

"I thought I would be talking about setting up my schedule. Then all of a sudden they pulled me in to run a camera for a live pledge drive," says Adams, who completed a semester-long academic internship with WVIA-TV, Pittston, before graduating in December with a bachelor's degree in mass communications. "It threw me for a little bit of a loop. I knew then this internship was for real."

Throughout the fall while WVIA and PBS stations nationwide battled the effects of the economic downturn, Adams logged 10 hours a week working directly in television production. The internship turned into a semester filled with real-life work experience, mentorship from long-tenured professionals and a true glimpse into the mass communications world.

"I did whatever they needed help with," says Adams, of Elysburg. "I put up and broke down studio sets, prepped lighting and sound systems, ran cameras, edited video clips and designed DVD labels."

"The biggest thing I took from this was getting experience working with true professionals out in the field. Lectures and school projects give you a solid foundation and knowledge about what to expect in your career field. But once you get out there and see it for yourself, it's a whole different story."

Opportunities to expand the campus experience through internships are expected to increase for BU students with the development of the Office of Academic Internships and Community Outreach. Launched in 2008 as part of an initiative from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), the office expanded its offerings this spring with an interactive Web site, several established track internships for students and a working corporate network built to host on-campus internship events and land academic internship opportunities for students of all majors.

The office's emphasis is on establishing academic internships, defined as work experiences which are closely supervised by both a faculty instructor in the student's degree program and a site supervisor who works with the student and faculty instructor to ensure the internship has academic rigor.

"We're focused on matching academic opportunities with the academic skill sets being developed in the classroom," says Alison Stone-Briggs, director of BU's Office of Academic Internships and Community Outreach. "I spent much of the first year talking with department chairs and college deans to learn more about their academic programs and what skills students acquired from them. It's now easier for me to

access internship opportunities and send out information to match the academics here on campus."

Stone-Briggs says each of the 14 state system universities received a \$30,000 state grant to further develop internship initiatives. BU used its allocation to support the new office and help build the interactive Web site, according to Stone-Briggs.

"Chancellor John C. Cavanaugh and PASSHE saw the importance of academic internships in better preparing students for a workplace environment that is looking for a more knowledgeable workforce with in-the-field experience,"

Stone-Briggs says. "And that's what we're building here. When we're talking with organizations, we're stressing the connection between the internship and the classroom to ensure students have a quality academic experience."

### Experiencing a new world

Tarah Moore, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer forensics, saw her summer internship do just that — give her a real-world experience she never imagined. The Harrisburg native completed a three-month, computer forensics internship with the Department of Defense after she obtained a federal government clearance.

The internship not only provided a once-in-a-lifetime experience in her career field, but gave Moore an inside look at one of many areas of computer forensics, an extremely varied field that includes criminal law investigation and corporate fraud examination.

"It will definitely open a lot of doors for me," Moore says. "Not a lot of graduates have much experience in their career field when they hit the job market. This opportunity will be a great resume booster."

Among the biggest advantages, according to Moore, is the experience gained from working directly with

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— Tarah Moore '09

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professionals in their environment on a daily basis. That, she says, was the best hands-on learning a computer forensics student could hope for.

"The internship really helped me build a foundation for what to expect in my career environment," Moore says. "You can't really get that in a classroom."

Moore, who also has a minor in fraud examination, is excited to see where her degree will take her. "The program at Bloomsburg University is great, because I got to work with software in the classroom that is used in the real world," she says. "And I saw that on my internship. Now having what I was taught in class and taking what I experienced from my internship, I really have the confidence to enter my career field. The doors are wide open for me and that's very exciting."



Stone-Briggs

### Paving a path for the future

Evan Konstant, who majored in business economics at BU, took a different approach to his internship. The Wyndmoor native knew what career path he wanted to pursue after school and where he could gain the necessary experience to make himself a marketable college graduate.

Konstant completed a year-long internship at the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown where he coordinated

*"By the time I was done (with my internship), I learned most of what I need to work in the marketing field."*

- Evan Konstant '09

a variety of marketing projects that the zoo will incorporate into its future renovation and expansion plans. A lot of work evolved around surveying

consumers to help determine what areas of operation the zoo should focus on, especially regarding potential building projects.

"I've gone door-to-door, made phone calls and attended sponsored golf outings," Konstant says. "A lot of it has been mingling with visitors at the park. It's been a lot of networking, which is something I really enjoyed."

Konstant says the survey's goal was to determine what attracted visitors to the zoo, what they most enjoy and what they would like to see improved or, possibly, added. Some answers have been expected, while many have been surprising to Konstant.

"There was a lot of strong interest in having activi-

ties for kids, developing educational pre-kindergarten programs," he says. "I would say about 80 percent of those surveyed wanted those types of programs. We also received interest in having indoor activities so visitors could come year-round and expanding our photography programs. Visitors enjoy taking their own photos and appear to really want to learn more about their cameras."

The biggest learning experience was seeing firsthand the challenges a nonprofit organization faces, especially during an economic recession.

"This is a very small zoo," he says. "Actually, many people I surveyed didn't know we had a zoo in



Adams

Norristown. So there are a lot of built-in challenges, not to mention dealing with reduced funding from the state."

Konstant, who is planning a career as a marketing director, says the internship gave him valuable experience. Being thrust into helping the zoo market itself to the community was a lesson he couldn't duplicate from a textbook.

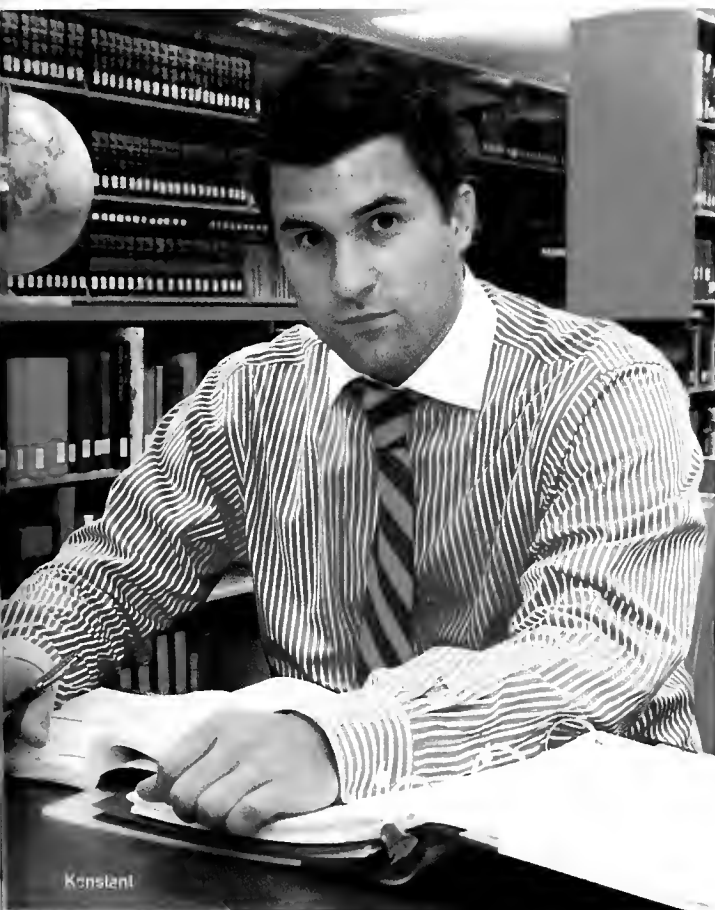
"By the time I was done here, I learned most of what I need to work in the marketing field," Konstant says. "I had a chance to see the inside development of projects, manage a budget and work with a board of directors. It was a great experience, and I got to meet a lot of wonderful people. The best part was hearing how much people loved the zoo."

"There is a market for a place like this, and I was glad to be part of something designed to make it better. There is a lot of pride in doing that."

### A perfect match

Jonathan Adams, an avid hunter and outdoorsman, says his internship with WVIA was a perfect blend of his academic and personal interests that reinforced his decision two years ago to switch majors and institutions.

"When I started college, I didn't know what I wanted to do," says Adams, who spent two years studying chemistry before transferring to BU for its mass com-



munications program. "This internship helped me see this field has everything I want ... being out in nature, doing photography and facing something new each day. When we do something live, it gets your blood pumping. It's almost like sitting in a deer stand and seeing a nice buck come into view." ●

**Jaime North**, a former newspaper reporter, is Web writer and editor at Bloomsburg University.

## TRANSLATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Alison Stone-Briggs sees herself as an interpreter, translating the needs of a corporate organization to match a student's academic requirements while creating a job description tailored to a Bloomsburg University intern. It's a new approach for BU, but second nature for Stone-Briggs, director of the Office of Academic Internships and Community Outreach.

"Academic advisers know the students' academic plan, so my role is to find the companies and help develop these valuable opportunities," says Stone-Briggs, previously associate director of BU's Corporate Institute. "The companies tell me what they're looking for, and I see where on campus their needs can best be met. In the end, it helps make better connections for our students."

Less than two years on the job, Stone-Briggs has already landed several new track internships, including opportunities with Wise Foods Inc. in Berwick, Rieter Automotive, Bloomsburg Hospital, Dollar Tree and Berwick Area United Way that will offer "revolving" positions many students may use as career stepping stones.

"Wise's human resource director contacted me about an opportunity, and I immediately realized it would fit nicely with our department of business education/information and technology management (BE/ITM)," Stone-Briggs says. "I met with the department chair and three faculty members to discuss what resources and skill sets we could match them with. As a result, we're getting four track internships for our BE/ITM students, with the goal of adding academic internships in finance, human resources and other areas of business operations."

The United Way internship positions provide an opportunity to use BU students' talents and strong work ethic in the non-profit sector. "Nonprofits need a lot of help, especially in this economic climate," Stone-Briggs says. "The United Way needed to do a couple of business plans, so I saw a nice connection with our Master of Business Administration program."

The result opened a door for a summer capstone internship course for graduating MBA students who will write business plans for a homeless shelter, including social service programs, a mental health clinic and a centralized office to provide services such as bookkeeping, human resources and technology support. As soon as the track internship opportunity is approved, according to Stone-Briggs, it will be incorporated into the interns' MBA graduation requirement.

"This will provide a great experience for students," Stone-Briggs says. "The truth is a lot of students aren't going to get a job with just a four-year college degree. If you don't have something on your resume that shows you gained valuable in-the-field experience, you're not as marketable as the person next to you." ●



## A CLOSER LOOK

To learn more about Bloomsburg University's Office of Academic Internships and Community Outreach, including ways to hire a BU intern, visit <http://internships.bloomu.edu> or contact Alison Stone-Briggs, director, at [astbriggs@bloomu.edu](mailto:astbriggs@bloomu.edu) or (570) 389-4962.



ALUMNI PROFILE

# a NAVAL approach

At the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, VINCENT URICK is one of more than 2,500 researchers, engineers, technicians and support personnel responsible for basic and applied research on Earth, sea, sky, space and cyberspace.

by JACK SHERZER

WHETHER IT'S A TELEPHONE, a television, a computer hooked to the Internet or even a huge radio telescope searching the heavens, the devices all have one thing in common. Somewhere, there's a line or a cable that's carrying all the information being collected or downloaded and sending it from one place to another.

Figuring out ways to send ever-more information over those lines faster and farther is where Vincent Urick comes in.

Urick is a civilian scientist for the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., where he manages a staff of five other researchers. Since its creation in 1923 at the urging of inventor Thomas Edison, the lab has focused on developing the technology needed to support the military, specifically research for the Navy and Marine Corps.

## "I FEEL IF I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR COUNTRY'S DEFENSE, THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BE DOING."

Working on specially made, long stainless steel tables — called optical benches — Urick and his team string out spools of various fiber optic cables connected to lasers and other devices to see how best to carry information collected from antennas over long distances.

Unlike the cable hooked up to a regular television that uses a digital signal, Urick's experiments deal with analog signals which require higher-performance links. In 2004, for example, Urick and his team published results of research in which they were able to transmit 1,000 times more information per second over a cable than the amount that flows through a regular cable television connection.

"A lot of times, as we are advancing analog, we can start feeding into the next system of higher speed communications," Urick says.

"There is always the chance that through our research, we can further the standard telecommunications technology."

From the start, Urick knew he was interested in science and mathematics, but his interests were skyward. At Bloomsburg, where he graduated magna cum laude in May 2001 with a bachelor of science in physics, he thought his career path would be in astrophysics.

"I wanted to ponder why the universe is the way it is, the big picture," Urick says, recalling how impressed he was the first time he saw photos taken by the Hubble Space Telescope. Physics and astrophysics suited his analytical side, he says.

Attending Bloomsburg was also a natural decision for Urick, who grew up in nearby Paxinos, Northumberland County. Family

members who have gone to Bloomsburg include his mother, Susanne, and sister Lisa McCarthy, who both earned master's degrees in education.

His career path took an unexpected turn when, as he was getting ready to graduate, he met another student who told him about opportunities with the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory. At that time, the country was in the midst of the dot-com technology bubble and private industry had hired away many of the laboratory's scientists, whose government work with fiber optics and communications was in high demand as the Internet and related industries shifted into high gear.

The pay was good, the work interesting and it gave Urick the chance to start doing research while holding only a bachelor's degree and working toward his master's and

doctoral degrees from George Mason University. He met his wife, Cynthia, in graduate school a year after he started working at the lab. They married in 2004 and welcomed their first child, Elizabeth, in April 2009.

Although he always liked the idea of working for his country, Urick says his feelings intensified after Sept. 11, 2001. From the lab, he could see the smoke billowing from the Pentagon the day of the attack.

"It's not that I'm any more or less patriotic after that day, but it kind of put things in perspective for me," Urick says. "I feel if I can make a difference for our country's defense, that's what I want to be doing."

In 2007, Urick won the Navy Top Scientists and Engineers of the Year Award for his work on data transmission on fiber-optic systems, particularly its application to electromagnetic warfare and intelligence-gathering.

"It's inspiring that he won the Navy award for a top scientist," says Peter Stine, chair of BU's physics department "When one of our alumni wins a big award like that, it inspires the students who are in the same program."

Stine recalls Urick's recent visit to the university to talk about his work. "Often students may not know exactly what career they want, and it's important to see things in a variety of areas. With their differential equations and theories, undergraduates may not be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Gunther Lange, Urick's faculty adviser who retired from BU last year, remembers his former student's mix of ability and curiosity. "You have to have the curiosity and the skill set. Stay curious — that little statement says more about scientists than anything else," he says. •

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[ FACULTY PROFILE ]



# THE BEAT

by LYNETTE MONG '08

# *goes On*

For one month last summer, assistant professor of music GIFFORD HOWARTH spent his days watching marching bands from throughout Europe, Asia and North America perform at the World Music Contest in Kerkrade, the Netherlands. At every performance, he looked for one essential quality: precision.

Howarth's extensive experience as a percussionist, teacher and adjudicator prepared him for the challenge of judging some of the best marching bands in the world at the international event held every four years. The World Music Festival presented a unique challenge, Howarth says, because the event spanned an entire month. "As it turned out, the group that performed the first day was in direct competition with the group we saw the last day. I had never experienced a competition quite like that before."

But the qualities Howarth watched for were the same throughout the competition. "We are trained over time to compare and contrast from

one group to another. And what we're looking for is precision.

*Gifford Howarth demonstrates his marimba technique at [www.bloomu.edu/magazine](http://www.bloomu.edu/magazine).*

like," he says. "It doesn't happen very often, but I've been fortunate enough to have worked with groups and adjudicated groups that have been at that level. We look for the concept of uniformity, with multiple people playing

the same thing at the same time. We ask: Are they expressing the music the same way? Are performers bringing across the mood and style of the music?"

Judging some of the most talented marching bands in the world is just one opportunity Howarth has pursued in a career of performing, teaching and traveling. With advanced degrees from Kent State and Michigan State universities, he credits an undergraduate professor at Ithaca College, percussionist Gordon Stout, with nurturing his passion for music and helping him develop his skills as a mallet percussionist on the marimba.

#### 'Wow moments'

Howarth describes the marimba as "a xylophone on steroids." A solo percussion instrument, the modern marimba dates back to the early 1900s, but has grown exponentially in popularity over the past 20 years. Howarth conducts workshops focused on how to introduce and teach relatively new marimba techniques to percussionists.

"The popularity of these workshops led to the production of a method book," Howarth says. Published in 2002, his book, *Simply Four*, focuses on how to teach the Stevens grip — a four-mallet technique, which requires percussionists to hold two mallets in each hand.

While the technique itself has been around since the 1970s, Howarth's method provides a new way to teach the grip to percussionists at earlier stages of development. "I'm riding the wave, in a sense," he says. "High school students are now doing what college kids were just starting to learn 20 years ago."

A passion for percussion came naturally to Howarth, who

began taking lessons in middle school. "You start on one instrument, a snare drum, to develop basic rhythm. But there are so many instruments: cymbals, mallets, timpani. It's such a vast genre."

By high school, Howarth was thinking about a career in the music business. "There was a 'wow moment' the first time I was at a drum corps show in my senior year in high school, seeing professional-level marching performance that I didn't know existed," he says.

And, in graduate school, he learned firsthand how a great performance can have far-reaching echoes when he experienced a percussion concerto by Christopher Lamb, principal percussionist with the New York Philharmonic and faculty member at the Manhattan School of Music. "It just blew me away," he says. "That was a second 'wow moment' and it inspired me to become a more serious student."

Today, Howarth hopes to inspire "wow moments" for the next generation of students at seminars in high schools and colleges worldwide. "The music world is a pretty small community," he says, noting that early opportunities also

opened doors for him to teach and judge Drum Corps International competitions and instruct at Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music at the University of Singapore. In January, Howarth spent a week in Thailand as an adjudicator for the Royals Cup Concert marching band contest and, while there, taught the four-mallet marimba technique at Kasetsart University, near Bangkok.

Howarth's relationships with percussion manufacturers have enriched the music experience of the Bloomsburg community, as well. A national performing artist for Yamaha, he helped bring the Yamaha Sounds of Summer percussion camp to BU for the past three years. The camp, hosted by BU's music department, provides complete marching percussion training for students in middle school and high school.



Assistant music professor Gifford Howarth, left, instructs Erik Scaltareggia, a senior music major from Media.

*"I enjoy seeing the light bulbs go on with students, both the students I have worked with for three or four years, and the students I have for just one day."*

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## 'Digging' the marching band

As director of Bloomsburg University's marching band, Howarth plans each Huskies halftime show, consisting of four to five songs based on the same theme. Last year's "Around the World in Eight Minutes," featured songs inspired by music from Ireland, Japan, Korea and Great Britain. A year earlier, it was "Got Rhythm?" with George Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm" and Gloria Estefan's "Rhythm is Gonna Get You," among others.

"Ninety-nine percent of students in marching band were in their marching band in high school, so they may not be music majors, but they're used to this activity," Howarth says. "It's an interesting challenge to make sure those who came from very competitive high school programs are just as happy as the students who may have never played an eight- or 10-minute show before.

"We've gotten a lot of positive feedback from alumni, saying they're really digging what the band has been doing," he adds.

Whether teaching students who are planning a career in music or non-majors in the marching band, "I enjoy seeing the light bulbs go on with students," Howarth says, "both the students I have worked with for three or four years and those I have for just one day." •

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# GOT MUSIC?

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY'S music department offers a range of instrument and vocal performance groups, including chamber orchestra, community orchestra, concert band, marching band and guitar, jazz, percussion and wind ensembles. All groups are open to non-music majors and many, such as marching band, are made up largely of students majoring in other fields, according to Stephen Clickard, chair of the department of music, theatre and dance.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in music offers three tracks of concentration: music education, audio-visual recording and liberal arts. All students pursuing a degree in music are required to audition and take a music theory placement test.

A degree in music prepares students for a variety of careers. "Many of our graduates go on to earn advance degrees. Some go into studio recording, live sound reproduction or radio and TV," Clickard says.

The recently renovated Haas Center for the Arts provides BU students with an exceptional facility in which to practice their craft. "We have full recording studios, new classrooms and practice rooms, a full piano lab. It's a great facility," Clickard says.

Music professor Mark Jelinek, right, evaluates a performance by Chan Kim, Bloomsburg, a senior majoring in health physics and music.



Considering a major in music? The department hosts a Music Major Day every year, which allows high school students to come to campus, meet with admissions staff and music faculty, and shadow current music students. "This gives them the chance to see the level of music we practice, and the level of music scholarship in the classroom," Clickard says. •

Visit [departments.bloomu.edu/music](http://departments.bloomu.edu/music) for more information.



## Bridge the Gap

Members of Bloomsburg's Class of 1933 experienced financial hardships firsthand during the Great Depression. Today's students, with financial challenges of their own, continue to benefit from the class' scholarship, a fund which has helped to bridge the gap between family resources and financial need for decades. One recipient of the Class of 1933's \$350 scholarship is Rachel Conley, a freshman accounting major from St. Clair, Schuylkill County.

The typical BU student who pays in-state tuition and lives on campus easily amasses costs exceeding \$7,000 per semester or \$14,000 per year, including textbooks. Scholarships, loans, savings, jobs and family contributions meet most student expenses, but an average need of \$1,829 a year remains.

Learn more about how you can help bridge the financial gap and support students like Rachel online at [www.bloomu.edu/giving](http://www.bloomu.edu/giving) or by calling 1-800-526-0252.





[ FACULTY PROFILE ]

# Skin Deep by SUE A. BEARD

**THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SAYS ABOUT 68,720 NEW CASES OF MELANOMA WERE DIAGNOSED LAST YEAR AND 8,650 DEATHS WERE RELATED TO THE DISEASE. A BU PROFESSOR'S RESEARCH SHOWS PROMISE IN HINDERING THIS CANCER'S ABILITY TO GROW.**

PHOTO: ERIC FOSTER

IT'S NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY that every family has been touched by cancer. Last year alone, the American Cancer Society estimates, 1.5 million new cases were diagnosed. Research by Angela R. Hess, assistant professor of biological and allied health sciences, may improve the cure rate for the deadliest of all skin cancers, melanoma.

Hess has been studying the role of a protein called EphA2 in the rapid reproduction of highly aggressive melanoma. The protein, she explains, is not normally found in non-cancerous lesions or in the pigment-producing cells of the skin, called melanocytes, that give rise to melanoma. She theorizes this absence indicates EphA2 plays a role in the development of malignant melanoma, and her findings were featured recently on the cover of *Cancer Biology and Therapy*, an international medical journal that details advances in cancer research.

Hess found her research focus by chance. As an undergraduate at Penn State, she envisioned a career studying infectious diseases for the Centers for Disease Control. But, while completing graduate work in anatomy and physiology at the University of Iowa, she worked side-by-side with medical students in the lab of a professor who was researching cancer.

"I saw it as a good place to get training," she says. "And as I got involved in cancer research, I sort of found my niche ... and never pursued infectious disease."

Building on her earlier research in her Bloomsburg University lab, Hess and her students use techniques to decrease EphA2 in melanoma cells, inhibiting the cells' ability to invade, migrate and grow.

A collaborator, Dr. Anil Sood at the University of Texas' M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, discovered that EphA2 also plays a role in ovarian cancer, Hess adds. Other researchers have investigated its role in the growth of breast, prostate and pancreatic cancers.

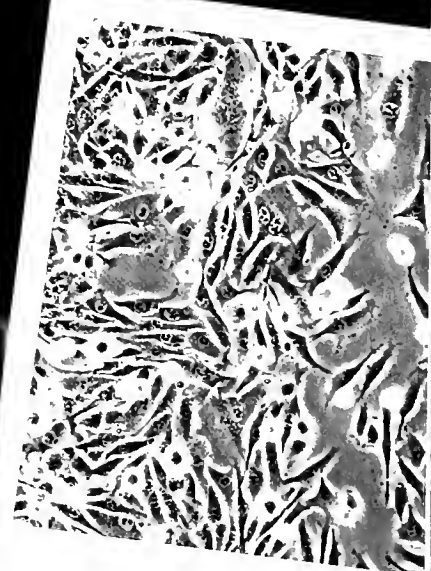
Hess and her students are using a technique developed in Sood's laboratory to decrease EphA2 expression in melanoma tumors. The ability to block EphA2's effectiveness in both cells and tumors offers hope for advances in the prevention and cure of cancer, she says.

"This research is very important because melanoma becomes the greatest health risk when it metastasizes," says Jillian Kida of Boyertown, a junior medical imaging major who completed work for her honors thesis in Hess' lab. "If the factors causing that to happen are identified, it could be a target for treatment."

Jonathan Busada, a senior molecular biology major from Bloomsburg, is completing the second semester of an independent research project in Hess' lab. "I hope to go to grad school for cell/molecular biology with research in cancer or cancer biology," he says. "I want to study cancer, directly because of research with Dr. Hess."

Busada says his lab work has given him hands-on practice in many of the techniques discussed in his classes. "I am getting a peek into what it really means to be a scientist." •

Former newspaper editor Sue A. Beard is a freelance writer based in Lancaster, Pa.








**THERE IS NO** such thing as a "safe" tan, according to Angela R. Hess, assistant professor of biological and allied health sciences, who often speaks on the health risks of tanning — and tanning beds, in particular.

"Students think they can safely use a tanning bed to get a base tan before heading out for spring break. The truth is that tanning beds are very dangerous," she says.

"Those 35 and younger face an eight-fold higher risk of developing melanoma if they use a tanning bed," Hess warns. "And melanoma is the leading cause of death for women between the ages of 25 and 27. It really is a danger people need to understand."



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# hollis notes

## Make it Personal

Ever wondered how to make a room your own? "Original artwork can be plugged into any scenario," says JOANNA ROB HOLLIS '90. "It adds depth and personalizes the room more than a framed poster or print." And, she adds, the artwork can be as simple as a child's drawing or as inexpensive as a painting from a college art show.

Hollis has worked in interior design for the past 19 years. Her career began as a visual merchandiser for Banana Republic and Macy's, where she played a major role in the renovation of Macy's at the King of Prussia Mall. More than 10 years ago, Hollis joined Sheffield Furniture and Interiors, a residential interior design company in Malvern. "I much prefer residential work," says Hollis. "Every job is different. Clients' needs and tastes are always evolving."

In today's economy, hiring a professional designer can save money. Hollis admits furnishings are expensive but, if purchased correctly, they are a lifetime investment. "A professional can find quality pieces and help the client avoid mistakes," she says.

Hollis, whose work has been featured in publications such as *Architectural Digest*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Style*, says she's always felt comfortable with colors and design. Her signature style? "I like clean shapes and contrasts with light and dark colors."

## 1949

**George Gehrig** is historian of Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville, and a member of the Montour County Historical Society board of directors.

## 1960

**Dr. Carl L. Stanitski** was the N. Balachandran Visiting Professor in Singapore and speaker at the Singapore Orthopaedic Association. He is an emeritus professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina.

## 1963

**Jan Magalengo** started a specialized advertising sales company, Mag/Net Enterprises, serving Schuylkill and Berks counties.

## 1969

**Patrick Steinbacher** and his wife, the former Pauline Eck, Jersey Shore, marked their 40th wedding anniversary on Nov. 27, 2009.

## 1973

**Alan Dakey** is president and CEO of People's National Bank, Hallstead.

## 1974

**Rachel McClellan Kirksey** is assistant principal at Eisenhower Science and Technology Leadership Academy in Norristown Area School District.

**Mike Kopp**, coach of the Allentown Central Catholic girls' basketball team, became the Pennsylvania high school basketball coach with the most wins for girls' or boys' teams after scoring his 802nd career victory in the Lehigh Valley Conference.

**Ron Sheehan**, an NCAA Division II wrestling champion, was profiled in *Amateur Wrestling News*.

## 1975

**Joseph T. DiGiacomo** is managing director and head of MidCap Advisors' transportation and logistics specialty practice group in the investment banking firm's Philadelphia office.

**Ginger Farnham McCoy**, speech therapist in the Northern Cambria School District, received the Lauretta Woodson Award from the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

## 1979

**Karen Yefko Ryan**, Forty Fort, joined the real estate office of Prudential, Poggi and Jones.

**Donald L. Wiest II** is vice president and senior investment officer for Metro Bank, serving counties in central Pennsylvania.

## 1980

**Michael L. Mixell** is a partner with the legal firm of Barley Snyder, Lancaster. He holds a juris doctorate from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law.

## 1981

**Laura Coates Kline**, chief financial officer of the civil engineering firm Bowyer-Singleton & Associates, was recognized by the *Orlando (Fla.) Business Journal*.

**Brian Mahlstedt**, South Abington Township, is vice president and commercial relationship manager for Pennstar Bank.

## 1982

**Rick DiLiberto**, an attorney, was reappointed to a three-year term as chair of the Delaware Commission on Italian Heritage and Culture by Gov. Jack Markell.

**Scott Ahlum**, Orefield, is corporate controller for The Manhattan Club, New York City.

## A scholarship, a remembrance

When longtime teacher **JESSIE PROPST WEARNE '44** died in May 2009, her husband, Leonard, believed the best way for her memory to live on was through a scholarship. BU students majoring in elementary education will benefit from the scholarship he established in her memory beginning fall 2011.

A 1938 graduate of Scranton Central High School, Wearne taught students in first through fifth grades for eight years in the Benton Township School, Lackawanna County, and 37 years in the Muhlenberg School District, Berks County.

**Susan Mitchell Helwig** received the outstanding fundraising



executive award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals,

Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter. She is vice president of university advancement at Misericordia University.

**Christine Montesana Sorrento** is enrollment development specialist for New Jersey's Georgian Court University at Woodbridge off-site campuses.

**Susan Petty Van Horn** is local manager for Frontier Communications' Clarks Summit and Tunkhannock markets.

## 1984

**David B. Gass** was appointed to the Arizona Superior Court in January 2009 by former Gov. Janet Napolitano.

## 1985

**Louis Lesh** is chief anesthetist for obstetrics at a Jacksonville, Fla., medical center. A combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm, he served in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps from 1986 to 1999.

## 1986

**Rev. Chet Snyder**, Bloomsburg University Catholic campus minister from 1983 to 1994, is temporarily leading the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg until a new bishop is named.

## 1987

**Elizabeth Pitts Perrong**, vice president of human resources for the Greater Hazleton Health Alliance, is an adjunct instructor at Penn State Hazleton.

## 1989

**Kelly Cuthbert Jameson** released her second novel, *Shards of Summer*.

## 1993

**Charles "Chuck" Budris** is director of medical physics and radiation safety officer at Shore Point Radiation Oncology Center, Lakewood, N.J.

**Kurt Davidheiser**, Boyertown, is a member of the board of directors of the Montgomery County Association of Realtors.

**Maj. Ricky L. Huggler** is serving with the Army Reserves in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## 1994

**Matthew Clavin**, assistant professor of history at the University of West Florida, is



author of *Toussaint Louverture and the American Civil War*, pub-

lished by the University of Pennsylvania Press.

**Lynne Wetzel Hausman**, medical-surgical nursing coordinator at Schuylkill Health School of Nursing, earned the designation of certified nurse educator. She has been a nurse educator since 1989.

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**Rick Hontz** won a Fort Collins *Coloradoan* magazine contest for his image of dark horses against a snowy landscape.

**Stephen Lilley**, Conyngham, is a mortgage loan officer for Citizen's Bank and member of the Pennsylvania Board of Realtors.

## 1995

**Air Force Maj. Michael A. Kwasnoski** returned to the United States after serving in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is assigned to the 43rd Comptroller Squadron at Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville, N.C.

**Marsha Ann Tate '95M**, librarian and Web site coordinator for Penn State's department of plant pathology, is the author of the second edition of *Web Wisdom: How to Evaluate and Create Information Quality on the Web*.

## 1996

**Christopher Knarr**, Mechanicsburg, a community development specialist with RETTEW, is chairman of the Cumberland County Planning Commission. He was appointed secretary for the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, which serves Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties.

**Amy Fitzgerald Solomon**, New Columbia, is vice president of administration for EconomicsPennsylvania, Selinsgrove, a non-profit economic education and financial literacy organization.

## 1997

**Andy Petroski '97M**, a faculty member and director of learning technologies at the Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, received Technology Educator of the Year honors during the TECHQuest PA 2010 Technology Awards Gala in February.

## 1998

**David J. Engelhardt** was elected president of the Salisbury (Md.) Jaycees.

**Kirk Ream** is owner and operator of Transformation Training & Fitness, Carlisle.

**John Stillo** is assistant principal at Phillipsburg Middle School.

## 2000

**Army Maj. Michael Morella**, a strategic intelligence officer, attended the National Defense Intelligence College in August 2009.

**Courtney Solomon** is a partner in the firm of Herring & Roll, Sunbury.

## 2001

**Susanne Kane** teaches high school for the Hazleton Area School District.

## 2002

**Clint Willman**, a business education teacher at Landisville Middle School, opened a carpet cleaning business.

## 2003

**Patrick Mack** is Northumberland County's planning director.

**Rachel Melnick** completed her doctorate in plant pathology from Penn State, which included research on developing



## Goss leads PACFE

**DAVID E. GOSS '74** is serving as president of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners (PACFE). He leads the organization which is dedicated to continuing education and training for accountants, auditors and investigators employed as fraud examiners.

Goss, who works in ParenteBeard's forensic and litigation services group, is a Certified Public Accountant with more than 35 years experience in the audit and accounting fields, including a variety of fraud and forensics investigations for manufacturing companies throughout North America and overseas. He also has conducted compliance-type audits related to sales incentive and warranty cost areas.

Certified in financial forensics, Goss is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Institute of Internal Auditors.

## Five honored with alumni awards

The long-time director of BU's Quest program and four alumni received awards from the Alumni Association during Alumni Weekend in April.

The honorees are Roy Smith, director emeritus of BU's Quest and Corporate Institute, honorary alumnus award; Grace Coleman '86/'87M and Kathryn Guyer Tuoni '82, distinguished service awards; and Vincent Urick '01 and Bonnie Adams '96, young alumni of the year awards.



- Smith, of Bloomsburg, retired last year as director of BU's Quest Program and Corporate Institute, programs that have provided hands-on leadership experiences to hundreds of BU students.

- Coleman, of Aliquippa, executive director of Crisis Center North: Domestic Violence Counseling and Education Resource Center, received two federal and state Congressional citations and secured more than \$3.8 million in grants since 1995 to support domestic violence education and protection services.

- Tuoni, of Garnet Valley, president of International Direct Response: Direct Response Marketing and Promotional Agency, is the chair and co-founder of Power of Pink Inc., a non-profit organization that promotes awareness, education and research on women's health care issues.

- Urick, of Alexandria, Va., unit head, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, is the author of 52 technical publications, including 19 journal articles and three patent applications. He received the 2007 Department of the Navy Top Scientists of the Year Award and a 2007 Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Award (see story page 16).

- Adams, of South Easton, Mass., senior staff systems engineer at Lockheed Martin Corp., was recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for Professionals in 2009 and has received 13 recognition awards for professional achievements. She holds one U.S. patent and has submitted a related patent application.

The honorary alumnus award recognizes individuals who have played a significant role at BU. The distinguished service award and young alumni award, for someone who graduated within the last 15 years, honor those who have excelled in at least one of the following areas: professional accomplishments, service to Bloomsburg University or the Alumni Association or contributions to humanity.



sustainable disease management options for chocolate trees. She is a research plant pathologist at the USDA-ARS Sustainable Perennial Crops Lab, Beltsville, Md.

**Gina Mattivi**, New York, is a licensed master social worker and assistant program director at BronxWorks.

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# LINEUP

REUNIONS, NETWORKING, AND SPECIAL EVENTS



**LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP.** Twenty BU students received \$700 Alumni Legacy Scholarships for spring 2010 from the BU Alumni Association. Shown left to right, are, front row: Greg Bowden '01, alumni board vice president; Amy Chronister '05, board member at large; Christina Smith '10; Emily Young '11; and Devon Mills '12; and, back row: Daniel Sheaffer '11; Ryan Starrick '13; Brendan Clark '12; Brian Fetterman '12; Ryan Pohle '11; Mike Strouse '11; Chris Beadling '94, alumni board president; and Lynne Homiak '83, alumni board secretary. Alumni may apply for Legacy Scholarships on behalf of their children who are current BU students by contacting the Alumni Office at (570) 389-4058 or [alum@bloomu.edu](mailto:alum@bloomu.edu). Winners are chosen by random drawing each December.



**SANKOFA.** Alumni who participated in the 16th annual Sankofa Conference include, left to right: Lance Collier '06; Joe Morris '04; Madelyn Rodriguez '95/'98M, BU's director of multicultural affairs; Shawn Munford '01; Lynette Luckers '01, assistant director of diversity and retention; Kristin Mock Austin '02, assistant director of orientation; Mitch Lee '99; and Javius Galan '09.



**STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE.** Duane Greenly '72, president and CEO of Ames True Temper, center of front row, spoke to members of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) about business success and the 12 commandments of personal and professional ethics. SIFE members and advisers shown left to right with Greenly are, front row: Kelsey Weist, president, and Sayeem Karim, vice president; and back row: Ruhul Amin, adviser; Jonathan Ohn, co-adviser; Gerard Barile, team manager; Brian Welch, treasurer; Kristyn Swingle, Erica Kuhles and Jeff John, members; and Andrew Driver, secretary.



**CAPITAL ALUMNI NETWORK.** Alumni living in the Harrisburg region held a recent mixer attended by more than 40 alumni and friends including, left to right, Jake Miller '05, guest Devin Ackerman, A.J. Geiselman '05 and Mark Roda '04. The Capital Network will hold an annual alumni picnic on June 10 and a tailgate before the Huskies football game against East Stroudsburg University on Oct. 2.



**SUPERBOWL 2010.** Sigma Iota Omega (SIO) brothers who gathered for a Super Bowl Party are, left to right, Greg Lawrence '80, Bob Reitz '80, Dan Confalone '79, Al Bowen '79 and Dale Reitz '85.

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## 2004

**Michelle Lachawiec Curcio** earned a master's degree in education from Wilkes University.

## 2005

**Sarah Tillotson** teaches first grade at the Bloomsburg Area School District.

**Michael Mergo** is pursuing an acting career in New York City.

## 2006

**Timothy Brockman** is a research and development chemist with Integra LifeSciences Corp., Plainsboro, N.J.

**Tad K. Schantz** passed the Certified Public Accountant exam. He works for Baum, Smith & Clemens, Lansdale.

**Ronald Stump** is an eighth-grade social studies teacher for the Pine Grove Area School District.

## 2007

**Kristen Barrett** is a credentialing coordinator with ID Care Inc. of New Jersey.

**Cory Lavoie** earned a master's degree from Towson University.

**Jennifer Whitmer** is a fourth-grade teacher at the Selinsgrove Intermediate School.

## 2008

**Navy Seaman Ashley L. Deprisco** completed basic training in Great Lakes, Ill.

**Staff Sgt. Matthew Mehalick** serves with the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, as a bioenvironmental engineering technician and an occupational safety and health specialist.

**Navy Seaman Alicen R. Slygh** completed basic training in Great Lakes, Ill.

## 2009

**Vanessa Bucher** completed an internship at Hershey Entertainment and Resorts and is continuing her career in management at Enterprises, Pottsville.

**Colleen Kegerreis** is a teacher and assistant coach at the Hamburg Area School District, Berks County.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### MARRIAGES

**Rachel McClellan '74** and **Jeffery Kirksey**, July 18, 2009

**Loline Judge '77M** and **Robert Sechevich**, Oct. 17, 2009

**Scott D. Ahlum '82** and **Julie B. Bachman**, Aug. 22, 2009

**Robert S. Legutko '91** and **Betty-Jo Bowers**

**Carol Stimpfle '95** and **Gregg Savarese**

**Shannon Stauffer Gordon '96** and **Thomas Mann**, May 30, 2009

**Sarah Corring '99** and **Michael Miceli**, Sept. 27, 2009

**Kristie L. Dorunda '00** and **Michael J. Vazquez Jr.**, Dec. 19, 2009

**Jason Jones '00** and **Angela M. Yerrick**, May 1, 2009

**Karen Verderese '00** and **Eric Seiz**, Sept. 19, 2009

**Joshua S. Burleigh '01** and **Letitia E. Black**, Sept. 6, 2009

**Brandy L. Ryan '01** and **Gus Campbell**, May 5, 2009

**Rocco Forgione '02** and **Jessica Margotta**, July 18, 2009

**Sandra Greene '02** and **Kyle Kurtyka**, July 11, 2009

**Christopher J. Lemoncelli '02** and **Deanna M. DePietro**, Aug. 1, 2009

**Joseph Luchansky '02** and **Amanda Neri**, July 11, 2009

**Holly Williams '02** and **Chad Seltzer**, Oct. 24, 2009

**Danielle Buteau '03** and **Jordan Martin**, Sept. 19, 2009

**Heather D. Douglas '03** and **Nicholas J. Letcavage**, Aug. 29, 2009

**Nicole Lehr '03** and **Sean P. Campbell**, Nov. 28, 2009

**Matthew Leister '03** and **Bobbi Rickenbaugh**, Sept. 19, 2009

**Stephanie McCauley '03** and **Nathaniel Hollick**, June 20, 2009

**Ann Marie Thomas '04** and **Joseph Knapick**, Nov. 19, 2009

**Erika Bennett '05** and **Derek Muehleisen**, Sept. 6, 2009

**Julia Edwards '05** and **Adam Frey**, June 27, 2009

**Jason Fosselman '05** and **Terra Manthey**, Nov. 22, 2009

**Marcy Pearson '05M** and **Nicholas Pendleton**, Oct. 10, 2009

**Alycia Smith '05** and **Jeremy Fairchild**, Aug. 7, 2009

**Denise Sockoloskie '05** and **Keith Bigora '04**, Aug. 8, 2009

**Jamie Van Horn '05** and **Edward R. Barna**

**Rebecca Darrah '06** and **Christopher Schu**, June 13, 2009

**Beth Howey '06** and **Travis James '05**

**Jayne Lehman '06M** and **Nicholas Knouse**, Sept. 12, 2009

**Holly J. McCullough '06** and **Anthony J. Serafini '06**, July 25, 2009

**Melissa Moore '06** and **Jason Cabe**

**Karen Murnin '06** and **Corey Sheakoski**, May 30, 2009

**Carri Smith '06** and **Vaughn Donnmoeyer**, Aug. 15, 2009

**Jessica Lambert '07M** and **Jeffrey Pennella**, Aug. 1, 2009

**Alessa Dalpiaz '08** and **James Houston '07**, Nov. 7, 2009

**Casey A. Herman '08** and **Jack D. Wagner**, May 16, 2009

**Stephanie Kaiser '08** and **Kevin O'Donnell Jr. '07**, July 25, 2009

**Amanda L. Knepp '08** and **Derek S. Oberlin**, June 6, 2009

**Lindsay Sachleben '08** and **Eric Haupt**, July 24, 2009

**Jillian Thomas '08** and **Michael Leedock**, Aug. 15, 2009

**Melissa Brooks '09** and **Bradley Mattie**, June 27, 2009

**Jeremy Haloskie '09M** and **Sara Iglio**, July 18, 2009

**Lyndi Nolte '09** and **David McDaniels Jr.**, May 30, 2009

**Maggie Sherlinski '09** and **Bryan M. Burns**, June 13, 2009

**Amanda Leighow '09** and **James E. Bachinger**, May 23, 2009

**James Moroney '09** and **Nicole Crawford**, Aug. 8, 2009

**Lisa Wessner '09** and **Jeffrey Hughes**, Oct. 9, 2009

## BIRTHS

**Theresa VonTobel McGrath '94** and husband, **Kevin McGrath '93**, a son, John Kevin, Jan. 8, 2010

**Jacquelyn Giles Dillersberger '95** and husband, Andy, a son, Andreas Liam, July 24, 2009

**Rebecca Lehman '95/'97M**, and husband, Aleksandar Radovic, a son, Aidan Jovan, Oct. 8, 2009

**Christina Murphy Sweeny '95** and husband, Charles, a daughter, Faith Genevieve, June 26, 2008

**Melissa Redmond Trala '95** and husband, Thomas, a son, Lucas James, June 1, 2009

**Kristin Snyder West '95** and husband, **Brian West '96**, a daughter, Alyssa Corinne, Nov. 6, 2009

**Christy Shaffer Lusk '96** and husband, **Christopher Lusk '95/'01M**, a son, Cade Isaiah, March 16, 2009

**Heather Sabol Russell '97** and husband, Trigg, a son, Timothy Douglas, Jan. 20, 2010

**Brenda Marshall Wahlers '98** and husband, **Brian Wahlers '97**, triplets, Chase Brian, Delaney May and Ella Margaret, Nov. 19, 2009

**Cara Evangelista DeCicco '99** and husband, Joseph, a daughter, Elliana Marie, Nov. 3, 2009.

**Jennifer Marinari Kiley '00** and husband, Bill, a son, Gavin William, Oct. 12, 2009

**Susan Berryman Moyer '01** and husband, **Steven Moyer '99**, a son, Shane P., Aug. 7, 2009

**Melinda Hill Einsla '02** and husband, Brian, a son, Russel Martin, Jan. 6, 2010

**Angela Pearly '02** and husband, Robert, a son, Robert Lowell Jr., Oct. 21, 2008

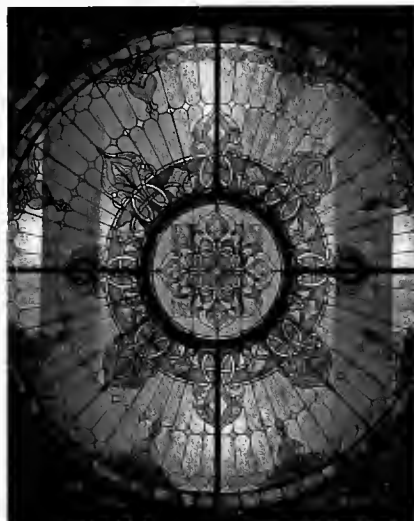
**Eric Kolva '03** and wife, Carrie, a daughter, Peyton Olivia, July 14, 2009

## OBITUARIES

Mabel F. Belles '33  
Anna Edwards Lindenmuth '34  
John J. Butler '35  
Julia Schlegel Clemons '37  
Helen Derr Price '39  
Kathryn A. Hess '43  
Col. William J. Davis, USMC (Ret.), V12 '44-'45  
Harold W. Swisher '47  
Eugene M. Brady '47  
Alvin E. Lutz '49  
John C. Brown '50  
Franklyn I. Geist Sr. '52  
John M. Gembusia '53  
Douglas I. Hayhurst '53  
Theresa Charney Spiess '53  
Edgar Berry '54  
Alvin J. Davis '56  
Joseph Keefer '56  
Frank M. Kaminsky '57  
Randall W. Arbogast '58  
Mary Fritz Bower '58  
Lois M. Miller '59  
Paul A. Luzenski '61  
Edward J. Fetzko '62  
Delbert S. Fisher Jr. '62  
Gary R. Kahler '62  
John. E. Green '63  
Barrie L. White '65  
Roger H. Williams '65

Kathryn Lenker Yost '66  
Rocant "Rocco" Gentile '68  
Robert F. Deitrich Sr. '69  
Bruce E. Wray II '71  
James J. Horan Jr. '72  
William A. Bates '73  
Joseph J. Gavel '73  
John L. James '74  
Edward A. Kamenas '75  
David J. Germano '76  
Eileen Chissler Sabatino '78  
Elizabeth O'Dell Spotts '78  
Mark S. Brouse '81  
Jean Lindeman Marsicano '81  
Laura Sioma '81  
Daniel P. Bower '85  
James Ward Hughes '85  
Jeffrey S. Ellis '86  
Connie Seidel Shoop '88  
Jane Burger Hardy '89/'02M  
Chris Case Shultz '90  
June E. Seeley '95  
Matthew J. Monahan '06  
Brock E. Choate '08

A Tiffany skylight is illuminated above Carver Hall's Kenneth S. Gross Auditorium.



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BU's Student Dance Ensemble performs in Haas Center for the Arts.

## Academic Calendar

### SUMMER 2010

Session I - May 24 to July 2  
Session II - July 7 to Aug. 13  
Session III - May 24 to Aug. 13

### Fall 2010

Classes Begin  
Monday, Aug. 30

Labor Day, No Classes  
Monday, Sept. 6

Thanksgiving Recess Begins  
Tuesday, Nov. 23, 10 p.m.

Classes Resume  
Monday, Nov. 29, 8 a.m.

Classes End  
Saturday, Dec. 11

Finals Begin  
Monday, Dec. 13

Finals End  
Saturday, Dec. 18

Graduate Commencement  
Friday, Dec. 17

Undergraduate Commencement  
Saturday, Dec. 18

## New Student Activities

Summer Freshman Orientation  
Tuesday, July 6

Act 101/EOP Orientation  
Tuesday, July 6

Fall Freshman Preview  
Monday through Thursday,  
June 7 to 10, and Monday  
through Thursday, June 21 to 24

Transfer Orientation  
Wednesday and Thursday,  
July 14 and 15

Non-Traditional/ACE Orientation  
Saturday, Aug. 28

Welcome Weekend  
Thursday through Sunday,  
Aug. 26 to 29

## Alumni Events

Visit [www.bloomu.alumni.com](http://www.bloomu.alumni.com) for details or to register to attend. For information, contact the Alumni Affairs office at (570) 389-4058 or (800) 526-0254, or [alum@bloomu.edu](mailto:alum@bloomu.edu)

Harrisburg Region Alumni Summer Picnic  
Thursday, June 10  
West Shore Elks Picnic Pavilion,  
Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill

Stratford Shakespeare Festival 2010  
Monday to Friday, July 19 to 23

Philadelphia Phillies Alumni Day  
Tuesday, July 27, 7:05 p.m.  
Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia

Alumni Bloom @ the Beach  
Saturday, Aug. 7, 7 to 9 p.m.  
Seacrets, Ocean City, Md.

## Special Events

46th Annual Reading Conference  
Thursday and Friday,  
May 13 and 14

Trash to Treasure  
Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m. to noon;  
early birds, 8 a.m.; Kehr Union  
Multicultural Center and Fireside  
Lounge; benefits the Columbia  
County United Way. Sponsors  
include WHLM-Radio and BU.

Math and Science Camps  
Summer Experience, sixth-  
through eighth-graders,  
Monday to Thursday,  
June 21 to 24.  
For more information,  
[jpolhill@bloomu.edu](mailto:jpolhill@bloomu.edu)  
or (570) 389-4508.

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction  
Friday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m.  
Kehr Union  
Call (570) 389-4413 for tickets  
and information

Homecoming Weekend  
Saturday and Sunday,  
Oct. 23 and 24

Parents and Family Weekend  
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"Every memory of looking out the back door, I have the photo album spread out on my bedroom floor. It's hard to say it, time to say it, goodbye, goodbye," sang the rock group Nickelback in 2005. The band's song "Photograph," written about reflection, could also sum up the bitter-sweet emotions students experience as they leave college to enter the "real world."

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### A SALUTE TO Those who serve

STANDING ON BLOOMSBURG University's Academic Quadrangle as I did during commencement last spring, anyone would be hard-pressed to imagine that members of the United States military currently are fighting in lands far from home. Our daily campus life remains relatively unchanged since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and subsequent military action in Iraq and Afghanistan. That is, with one possible exception: a larger presence of slightly older students who are fitting in college studies between deployments or after completing their military commitment.

This issue of *Bloomsburg: The University Magazine* is a tribute to all current members of our campus community — faculty, staff and students — who have served in the U.S. military, with a special focus on those who have served since Sept. 11, 2001. The idea for this issue grew from a compelling story about the military service of one member of our “family.” Inspired to look for more, we found the

stories you will read in this issue and as bonus online content. We are grateful to those who shared their stories and for the service of all who fight for our freedom, including our alumni.

“We are grateful...for the service of all who fight for our freedom, including our alumni.”

Archivist Robert Dunkelberger writes about a special group of alumni, the cadets of the Navy V-5 and V-12 programs, for his Over the Shoulder column (pages 30-31), explaining how their training benefited the war effort while keeping our campus open during World War II. I have been delighted to meet members of this group when they return for reunions.

We often hear how Mr. Dunkelberger's column brings back memories, and a photograph of the Class of 1960 that accompanied his spring column was no exception.

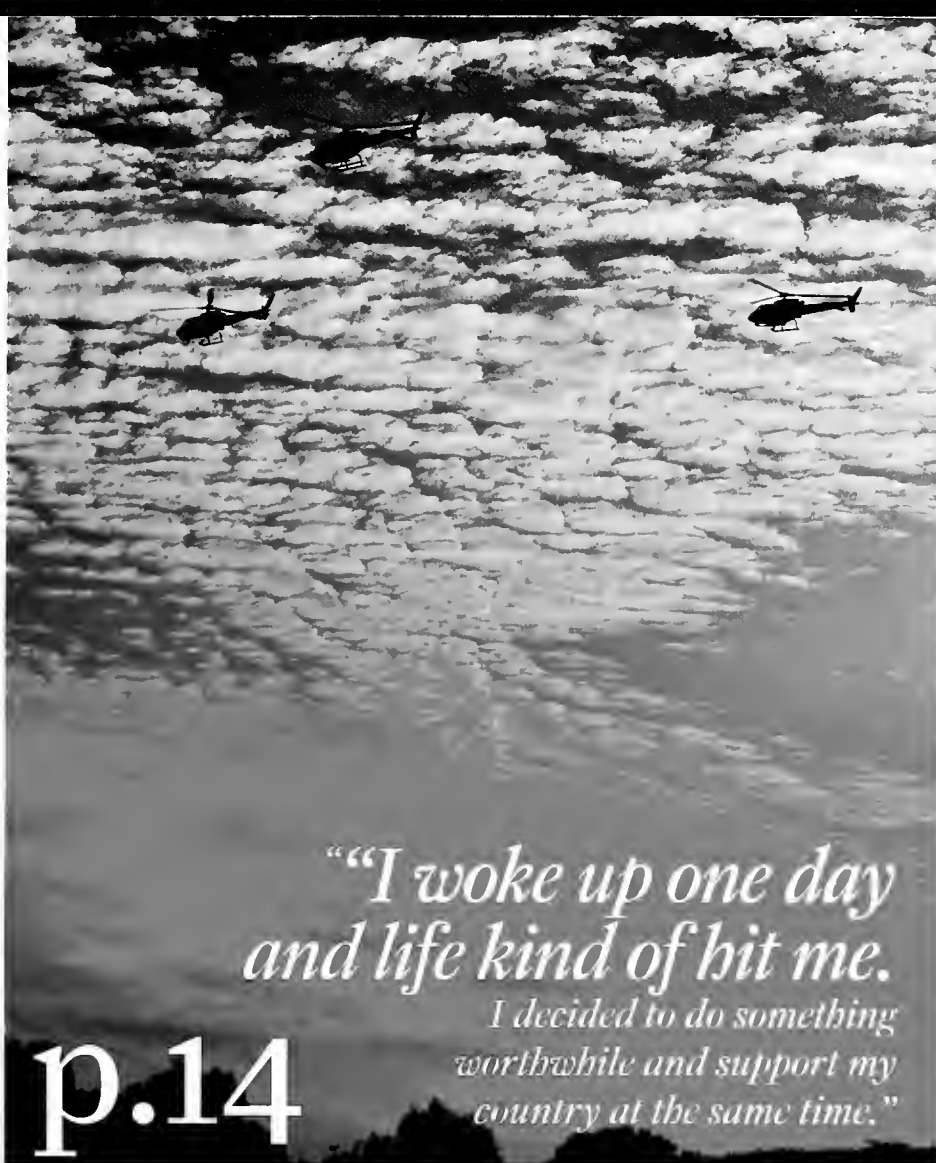
Fifth from left among the graduates descending the Class of 1912 memorial steps was Joseph Stancato, who we later learned passed away in February. We were pleased to provide a digital copy of the photograph to Mr. Stancato's niece, Pamela Miller Doncsecz '84, for her aunt, Mary Ann Stancato. Wrote Ms. Doncsecz, “I am still awed by the coincidental timing of *this* article and *this* picture and *this* graduating class. What a beautiful remembrance.”

This issue of *Bloomsburg: The University Magazine* is also a remembrance, honoring the courage and patriotism of our military personnel past and present. Thank you so very much.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. L. Soltz".

DAVID L. SOLTZ  
President, Bloomsburg University

For more from President Soltz, see  
<http://bupresident.blogspot.com>



*"I woke up one day  
and life kind of hit me.  
I decided to do something  
worthwhile and support my  
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# fresh perspective



SOPHOMORE SAMANTHA OMAN helps her training partner Angela Dendler during the Columbia-Montour Aging Office's day program at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, near campus. BU students have helped older citizens keep fit since 1994 through a course, Adult Health Development Program, taught by professor Leon Szmedra. BU students serve as training partners for adults ages 50 and older to help them maintain strength, flexibility and quality of life. ●

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## *around* THE quad

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by SUE A. BEARD



**B**arbara Wert observed the frustration of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other disabilities as they struggled to learn new skills. Based on what she learned firsthand, Wert came up with a way to ease that frustration for the children, their teachers and their parents — by making the youngsters the “stars” of their own five-minute movies.

An associate professor of special education, Wert describes the technique, called video self-modeling, in an article published by Assistive Technology Outcomes and Benefits, a joint publication of the Assistive Technology Industry Association and the Special Education Assistive Technology Center at Illinois State University.

Wert, her colleague in BU’s department of exceptionality programs, Walter Zilz, and their crew filmed children with ASD and edited the material into brief movies in which the children were shown performing behaviors they need to succeed in school. Each student was given his or her own personal five-minute video. After watching their movie every day for five days, the children were performing tasks they couldn’t perform before.

She relates the case of a boy with autism who had

never learned to ask for things. If he wanted an object — a crayon, for example — he would point to it or shout. Understanding that children with ASD have trouble responding to verbal directions, Wert and her crew filmed the child playing at a table with other children and adults. As they played, the adults at the table would whisper directions to him.

“Ask me for glue,” one would say, and the boy would shout “glue.”

“Ask me for crayons,” another would say, and the boy might point.

The time-consuming part came as the video was edited to brief clips depicting the child performing the behavior teachers wanted him to learn.

The boy in Wert’s example watched the five-minute film every morning before preschool and by the end of the week was asking others to hand objects to him.

“He had seen himself asking for things so, of course, he knew he could do it,” Wert explains.

Occupational therapists have used the same technique to encourage children with autism to exercise, Wert says. Her goal is to encourage families to complete the filming and editing to reinforce the specific skills they want their children to learn.

The Autism Society of America defines autism as “a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life that affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions and leisure or play activities.”

One percent of U.S. children exhibit symptoms of ASD, far more than were diagnosed with the disorder two decades ago. “We have better tools now for diagnosing autism, and the disability now includes a wide spectrum of disorders with symptoms that range from mild to severe,” Wert notes.

Before earning her doctorate from Penn State, Wert worked for 22 years as a special education teacher, a teacher in a day program for people with disabilities, a job coach and an early interventionist.

“People with autism have always fascinated me,” she says. “I always wonder what’s in their head, what can they do — and what can I do with them.” ♦





Deanna Handy '12 poses with her dad, Rodney, at BU's spring commencement.

PHOTO: ERIC FOSTER

# A Handy Gift

TWO YEARS AFTER TRANSPLANT, FATHER WITNESSES GRADUATION

**A** LITTLE MORE than two years ago, Deanna Handy '10 gave her father a gift he was hesitant to accept, but one that might save his life — one of her kidneys.

"He gave me life," says Handy, a recent BU graduate from Philadelphia, "so I was glad to give back."

Growing up, Handy remembers specialists and dieticians coming to her house to help her father, Rodney Handy, who was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes in his late 20s. Eventually the disease affected his kidneys and he developed chronic kidney disease.

Handy, then a BU sophomore, began researching kidney transplants, without telling her family. Then, she shared her plan. "At first he was hesitant," says Handy. "He is my dad. He is supposed to be my protector, and he was in a very vulnerable position."

With surgery originally scheduled for summer 2008, Deanna Handy continued her studies at BU

during summer and fall 2007, commuting between Bloomsburg and Philadelphia for essential testing prior to the surgery. Fearing for Mr. Handy's health, the doctor rescheduled the transplant surgery, which was completed in February 2008. Deanna took a semester's medical leave from BU.

Both father and daughter recovered fully and the kidney continues to function well. Handy calls her father's health "a work in progress. We take it one day at a time."

After a three-month recuperation, Handy returned to her academic career with the help of her advisers and professors. "By graduating, it shows through all of life's trials and tribulations, one can overcome anything," she says.

Handy will continue her education at the University of Pennsylvania master's program for reading, writing and literacy with plans of becoming a reading specialist in Philadelphia, closer to home and closer to her father. •

## Business Success

BU MAINTAINS AACSB INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

BU'S COLLEGE OF Business maintained its accreditation by AACSB International — The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Initially accredited in December 2004, BU is one of just 593 schools of business, or less than 5 percent worldwide, to earn AACSB accreditation. To maintain accreditation, a business program must undergo a rigorous internal review every five years and demonstrate a continued commitment to AACSB's 21 quality standards.

More than 1,600 students are enrolled in bachelor's and master's degree programs offered through BU's College of Business.

Undergraduate majors include accounting, business education, computer information systems, information and technology management, finance and legal studies, management information systems, marketing and management, with career concentrations in fraud examination, information assurance, international business and supply chain management. BU also offers programs leading to a master in business administration (MBA) and master of education in business education. •

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BU employees with more than 500 years of service retire under a special program

Video: Former Philadelphia Eagles and Flyers owner, Jerry Wolman, speaks to TRiO Upward Bound

Video: Navy V-12 program alumni share memories

Video: John Magill '49 recalls BTSC

## New Dean

MICHAEL TIDWELL HEADS  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

THE NEW DEAN OF the College of Business brings experience in academics and the corporate world to his position at BU. Michael Tidwell came to Bloomsburg this summer from Clayton State University, Atlanta, Ga., where he was assistant dean of the School of Business and associate professor of management. He previously



Kirkville, Mo., and was a visiting professor at Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya, and CHM College and Birla College in India. Outside of

taught at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.; Whitworth University, Spokane, Wash.; and Truman State University,

academics, Tidwell worked in the marketing department of Epson America and as a management consultant. His research interests include employee intelligence, organizational socialization within multinational corporations and organizational identity.

Tidwell, a native of southern California, earned a bachelor's degree from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., and master's and doctoral degrees from Washington State University, Pullman, Wash. •

## Cool Cash

\$250,000 STATE GRANT SUPPORTS  
ENERGY-SAVINGS PROJECT

BU RECEIVED \$250,000 from the Pennsylvania Conservation Works! (PACW) Grant Program to cover expenses related to a chiller replacement project at Carver Hall and Scranton Commons and lighting upgrades in Elwell Residence Hall and McCormick Center for Human Services. Part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the PACW program supports increased energy efficiency, job creation and improved air quality.

The Scranton Commons/Carver Hall project replaced two individual chillers — a 50-ton, air-cooled unit and a 170-ton, water-cooled unit — with a 220-ton, water-cooled, magnetic compressor chiller to serve both buildings. Replacing the existing units is expected to reduce annual energy use by 51 percent and save more than \$12,000 in energy costs.

The lighting upgrade in Elwell and McCormick replaces existing fixtures with systems that will use about half as much energy. The work will be completed in conjunction with future renovation projects and is expected to save more than \$34,000 in energy costs annually. •



## TALE's Top Profs

BOHLING, SURMACZ HONORED

Peter Bohling, professor of economics, and Cynthia Surmacz, professor of biological and allied health sciences, were recognized with TALE (Teaching and Learning Enhancement) Outstanding Teaching awards during spring commencement ceremonies. Each will receive a \$750 professional development stipend, sponsored by the BU Foundation, and a plaque recognizing their achievement. They were nominated for the award by graduating undergraduate and graduate students and selected by a peer faculty committee.

Bohling was nominated for his teaching abilities and caring, helpful attitude. One nominator said Bohling's devotion inspired confidence and a sense of calm. Another wrote that Bohling is someone to depend on long after graduation. Nominators said Surmacz is an exceptional teacher inside and outside the classroom. She is credited with encouraging active learning and helping students succeed in achieving their goals at BU and beyond. One nominator said Surmacz always takes time to answer questions completely and clearly. •

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## Come Together

UNIQUE PROJECT GIVES NEW  
MISSION TO FORMER CHURCH

A GROUNDBREAKING ceremony was held late in the spring semester for a unique project that will bring together adults with disabilities and BU students studying for careers in special education. The Columbia County Redevelopment Authority and BU are partners in the \$3.6 million project which is converting the former Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, East Third and Iron streets, into independent housing for 19 individuals with mental or physical disabilities. Two adjacent homes are being renovated to provide housing for BU students, offering a one-of-a-kind living and learning environment. The project, called Trinity House, is the result of a five-year effort begun by several mothers of disabled adult children and should be ready for its new mission in spring 2011. ●

## New Director

REV. JEFFREY THOMS LEADS CCM

Campus Catholic Ministry (CCM) has a new director, the Rev. Jeffrey F.



Thoms. He replaces the Rev. Don Cramer, now administrator of Saint Monica Parish, Sunbury, who served in the position for four years.

Thoms grew up in Chambersburg and has been a priest for 10 years. Before coming to BU, Thoms was parochial vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lewistown, and Saint Jude Thaddeus Parish, Mifflintown.

In his new position, Thoms hopes to provide a "home away from home" for students. Helping him to provide a welcoming presence at the Newman House is Farley, his 2-year-old boxer/pit bull.

"College is a time of transitions. My purpose is to serve as a priestly presence for students who wish to nurture their faith in the university context," says Thoms.

Thoms also serves as administrator of Christ the King Mission in Benton. ●

## Cyber Crime

DCCI INVITES BU TO PIONEER PROGRAM

THE PROFUSION OF computers in the business world allows employees to complete assignments without traveling to the office. The next logical step enabled junior Tyler Oliver, a computer forensics major from Lebanon, to complete a computer forensics internship with a branch of the federal government without leaving BU's campus.



Oliver was one of the first interns selected by the Defense Cyber Crime Institute (DCCI), part of the U.S. Department of Defense. He researched random-access memory (RAM) artifacts, specifically looking at a computer's memory after someone uses a file-sharing program known as Limewire.

During his internship, Oliver worked for a mentor at DCCI; Scott Inch, professor of mathematics, computer science and statistics, served as his unofficial mentor at BU. BU is one of just four universities in the country invited to participate in the DCCI's first internship program this summer. ●

## Executive Asset

ANIKKA BRILL LEADS CGA

ANIKKA BRILL, a senior speech pathology and audiology major



with a concentration in individuals with exceptionalities, is the new president of the Community Government Association (CGA).

As CGA president, Brill is responsible for running executive and senate meetings and making decisions with the board on funding for all campus student organizations. She oversees the operations of the Kehr Union Building, the Student Recreation Center, the University Bookstore and Honeysuckle Student Housing.

"I highly enjoy being part of a group that makes a difference on campus and throughout the town," says Brill, of Elizabethtown.

Brill has been active with CGA since her freshman year when she served as an on-campus senator. She was the senate representative to the executive board during her sophomore year and vice president in her junior year. As president, Brill wants to contribute leadership skills and implement new programs.

Brill also is a member of the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association and the Homecoming Committee. After graduation she hopes to earn a master's in speech language and pathology and work with young children. ●

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## Student Leader RAYLENE BRILL JOINS TRUSTEES

RAYLENE BRILL is the new student member of BU's Council of Trustees. A senior social work major from Mahanoy City, Brill replaces Terrell Garrett who graduated in spring.

Brill wanted to become a student trustee to represent BU, as well as bring a unique perspective to the council. During her tenure, she hopes to involve more students with the university so they can express their own ideas and concerns. "I want to play a larger role with making decisions that represent and positively affect the student body and university as a whole," she says.



R. Brill

In addition to the Trustees, Brill is president of Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society, secretary of Phi Alpha National Honor Society for Social Work Students and a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, the Social Work Club and Board of Governor's Advisory Board. She volunteers at the Women's Resource Center, is service coordinator for TRiO Upward Bound alumni and works for TRiO Student Support Services. Last summer, she was a program assistant for the R. Benjamin Wiley Partnership Program. ●

## Rags to Riches WOLMAN SHARES STORY

SHENANDOAH NATIVE JERRY WOLMAN, former owner of the Philadelphia Eagles and Flyers, shared his rags-to-riches story with high school students participating in TRiO Upward Bound. Wolman's career began in the



Wolman

mid-1950s in Washington, D.C., where the high school dropout constructed apartment buildings and skyscrapers. He purchased the National Theatre, the Raleigh Hotel and Connie Mack Stadium and owned and developed Philadelphia's Spectrum and Chicago's John Hancock Center. In 1963, he became the youngest owner in the NFL when, at age 36, he purchased the Philadelphia Eagles for \$5.5 million, later founding and co-owning the National Hockey League's Philadelphia Flyers.

Wolman's talk was sponsored by TRiO Upward Bound, now in its 32nd year at BU. The program serves students in nine high schools from Columbia, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties who are chosen based on their academic potential and need, demonstrated enthusiasm toward learning and other eligibility requirements as determined by the U.S. Department of Education. ●

## Giving to BU REPORT INCLUDES HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

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Robert D. Warren

## 'Doc' Warren remembered

BU BENEFACTOR PASSES AWAY

ROBERT D. "DOC" WARREN, who taught history at BU from 1964 to 1983 and founded the social fraternity, Sigma Iota Omega (SIO), which he advised long after his retirement, died in his Danville area home Friday, July 9.

Named an honorary alumnus in 1995, Warren received the University Medallion in 2000 and an Eberly Award from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Fund for Advancement in 2002. In 2005, the Student Services Center was renamed in his honor, recognizing his dedication to BU and acknowledging his gift of a \$1 million trust through the Bloomsburg University Foundation. Warren also endowed a portion of the Presidential Leadership Program with scholarships that were renamed in his honor, established eight endowed SIO scholarships and donated more than 600 items from his Asian art collection and 40 pieces of crystal.

Memorial donations may be made to the Robert D. Warren Scholarship, in care of the Bloomsburg University Foundation, 400 E. Second St., Bloomsburg, Pa. 17815. ●

[ PROFILE ]

## TRAINING SESSION

ON A GOOD DAY, fans attending a Bloomsburg University sporting event don't even know the athletic trainers are around. After all, most of their

work is done before and after games. However, when an athlete is injured and needs medical attention, the first person on the scene is a certified athletic trainer.

Two of the Huskies' three certified trainers are husband and wife, Allen and Roxanna "Roxie" Larsen, parents of 2-year-old Gavin. The pair, who have worked at Bloomsburg for seven years, met while employed as certified athletic trainers at Kentucky Physical Therapy in Barbourville, Ky. They married in 2005.

"It is tough juggling the work schedule of collegiate athletic training and parenthood," says Allen, officially the head trainer at Bloomsburg. "The one thing we have done to help maintain balance is create a caregiving

network. Our parents live out of state, so we look to a great day care facility here at BU as well as an amazing group of friends who help us on the weekends. Gavin, Roxie and I are truly blessed."

Because they work in the same profession, the Larsens sometimes ask each other for help on rehab protocols. Beyond that, they try to separate home and work.

"At times, work does follow us home, particularly during busy times in the season," Roxie says. "When we come home after a challenging day, we go to the tree right outside our back door and 'leave' our work there. This gives us a mental break from the rigors of our jobs and an opportunity to enjoy each other as husband and wife and to enjoy family time with our son.

"Like any married couple, we have times we need to vent to our spouse after a frustrating day. On the flip side, it can be an advantage having your co-worker at home. It gives you a chance to talk out a decision you are struggling with or get more advice on an injury. So we would say there are more pluses than minuses."

The Larsens say organization and communication are key to successfully blending their professional and personal relationship. "At home, we have a large monthly calendar which details where we and our two dogs are daily, everything from day care arrangements and work hours to medical appointments. This helps us stay on top of everything outside of work to ensure that we have a sound and well-structured family life," says Roxie.

"It is also important to have an understanding spouse who fully comprehends the demands of a job like ours. What makes it work for us is the strong commitment we have to each other, our son and our job." ●



## Legendary Career Ends

IT WAS A MAGICAL RUN at what would have been a fairy tale ending for retiring softball coach Jan Hutchinson's final season. But, in the end, the Bloomsburg University softball team tied for fifth at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II softball championships in St. Joseph, Mo. The Huskies ended the season with a record of 50-8, the third time in school history the team won 50 or more games in a season. ●



## Football Trio Honored

THREE MEMBERS OF the Huskies football team were named 2010 Division II Preseason All-Americans by Consensus Draft Services (CDS). Receiving honorable mention were Pat Casey of Matamoras, a senior exercise science major; Derrick Price of Burlington, N.J., a junior communications studies major; and Oscar Rivera of Bethlehem, a junior management major.

The Huskies open the 2010 season on the road, taking on the Ashland (Ohio) University Eagles Saturday, Sept. 4, at 1 p.m. For the complete schedule, see [www.buhuskies.com](http://www.buhuskies.com). ●



Softball All-Americans, left to right, are: Nikki Shiko, Lacy Mauro, Shavaun Fisher and Danielle Lazorka



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## Softball Players Named All-Americans

FOUR MEMBERS OF the BU Atlantic Region champion softball team earned All-American honors. They are:

- Pitcher Shavaun Fisher of Coplay, junior special education/elementary education major, second-team All-American honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) and the Daktronics Sports Information Directors team.
- Danielle Lazorka of Williamsport, senior nursing major, second-team All-American honors from NFCA.
- Lacy Mauro of Jersey Shore, senior exercise science major, third-team All-American honors from NFCA.
- Nikki Shiko of Shamokin, senior elementary education major, honorable mention All-American from Daktronics. ●

## New Leader for BU field Hockey

NIKKI HARTRANFT RHOADS '04 is replacing her former coach, Jan Hutchinson, to lead BU's field hockey program this fall. Hutchinson, who coached both field hockey and softball, retired earlier this year.



As a player at Bloomsburg, Rhoads was a three-time All-American helping the Huskies to two National Collegiate Athletic Association championships,

including a perfect 21-0 season in 2002. She returns to BU after two seasons as head coach at Alvernia University, where she led the Crusaders to a record of 22-18 and a berth in the 2009 Eastern College Athletic Conference playoffs, advancing to the semi-final round. Academically, 10 players from her 2009 squad were named to the SGI/National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III National Academic Squad for earning GPAs of 3.3 or higher through the first semester of the 2009-10 academic year. ●

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

FIVE BU ALUMNI AND the former assistant athletic director make up the 29th class of BU's Athletic Hall of Fame. These individuals will be honored at the Hall of Fame dinner Friday, Oct. 1, in the Kehr Union Ballroom:

- Jean Buskirk '93 was a four-year member of the softball team, leading the team to a second-, two third- and one fourth-place finish at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship finals. She made it to the final 60 in the USA Olympic team try-outs and was chosen to participate in the 1994 Olympic Festival. Buskirk, who earned a master's degree in information technology from Penn State, is employed as a senior project manager in the information technology industry.

- Lee Gump '97 finished as Huskies basketball's seventh all-time leading scorer with 1,430 points, fifth in rebounding with 821 and fifth in steals with 149. The all-time leader in blocked shots with 130. Gump was named first team All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East in 1994-95 and 1995-96 and second team All-PSAC in 1993-94. Gump, an administrator in the Bloomsburg Area School District, earned a master's degree in educational leadership through Bucknell University.

- Laura Jones Coen '93 was the university's first All-American in women's soccer and earned first-team All-Northeast Region honors, both in 1992. As a defender, Coen helped the Huskies to a three-year record of 29-19-1 and a trip to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) playoffs. After BU, she earned a master's degree as a reading specialist from Lehigh University and served as Lehigh's graduate assistant women's soccer coach and William Tennent High School's assistant girl's soccer coach.

- Marc Lupinacci '90 posted a tennis career record of 116-34, fifth all-time in winning percentage and second all-time in wins. A four-time PSAC singles champion and PSAC doubles champion, Lupinacci helped the Huskies to four PSAC championships and a fifth-place national finish at the NCAA championships. A U.S. Professional Tennis Association certified professional, he is tennis director at the Italian Center, Stamford, Conn., and head tennis professional at Stamford Indoor Tennis.

- Shelley Miller Romano '95, who twice earned Academic All-American honors, was a standout in two sports. In field hockey she was named All-American three times and national player of the year once. Now the second all-time leader in career assists with 32, Romano helped the Huskies to a four-year mark of 74-9-4, one NCAA championship and three second-place finishes. In softball, she was a four-year letter winner and part of a team that finished in second place in the 1995 NCAA championships.

- Burt Reese '03H started at BU in January 1969 as a faculty member, head tennis coach and assistant men's basketball coach. He coached tennis for the 25 seasons, finishing with a 376-161 record and coaching 11 All-Americans, one NCAA champion, 65 PSAC singles champions, 34 doubles champions, one national rookie of the year and three NCAA scholar-athletes. His tennis teams won the PSAC title 12 times while finishing second six times. Reese, who also was the assistant basketball coach for 33 years, was named NCAA Division II Coach of the Year in 1987 and PSAC Coach of the Year six times.

Call the BU sports information office, (570) 389-4413, for ticket information.

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*by* JAIME NORTH

# BACK FROM IRAQ

PEACEFUL MOMENTS WERE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ADAM WENDOLOSKI TO FIND, DESPITE HIS DESIRE FOR AT LEAST A BRIEF ESCAPE FROM THE IMMENSE DISCOMFORT SURROUNDING HIM. THE WILKES-BARRE NATIVE FACED DAYS FILLED WITH THE SCENT OF BURNING TRASH UNDER A SOUNDTRACK OF RINGING GUN SHOTS AND THE BUZZ OF F-18S OVERHEAD. NIGHTS WERE DOTTED WITH A CHORUS OF BOMB EXPLOSIONS.



"YOU'D GET USED to it," says Wendoloski, a sophomore criminal justice major who served more than two years in Iraq as an Army infantry soldier. "I wouldn't call it complacency, just learning to live with the ambiance."

Jogging became Wendoloski's lone source of solitude from the reality of his first deployment with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard from June 2005 to June 2006. "It was a good 'destresser,'" he says of his six-mile runs along the perimeter of a busy airfield in western Iraq's Al-Anbar Province. "It was a big airfield, so there was plenty of room to run and be by yourself."

Sixteen months later, Wendoloski again faced the anxiety of combat — this time with the 3rd Infantry Division on a primitive combat outpost at the edge of southern Baghdad. Even with a tour under his belt,

### College always in the cards

Although it took six years, Wendoloski never lost sight of his college plans. In fact, college played a key part in his decision to join the National Guard as a junior at James M. Coughlin Junior/Senior High School. "It allowed me to do both," he says. "The National Guard offered the opportunity for ROTC and money for college."

Just weeks after walking across the graduation stage, Wendoloski found himself on a plane heading to

future as he helped provide security for convoys, the military base and local neighborhoods in western Iraq.

The mission was easier to handle than temperatures that reached 120 degrees — "like having a hair dryer blowing in your face" — and life on the Al Asad Air Base was tolerable. Missions to notable places like Ramadi, Tikrit and the Jordanian border provided Wendoloski an opportunity to see a lot of Iraq from his perch atop a Humvee manning a .50-caliber machine gun.

"It's like you're in your own world," Wendoloski says of his time escorting supply trucks between military bases. "We had convoys as short as six to eight hours to as long as three days. You had a lot of time to think to yourself."

Thoughts of home helped the soldiers deal with varying levels of daily stress. "We'd talk about simple stuff...



*"I was kind of excited. Not for my parents though. This was a time when it was getting pretty nasty over there."*

Wendoloski says the latest deployment, from October 2007 to December 2008, wasn't any easier.

"It was definitely a maturing experience," he says. "You feel older than you really are. It's like I lived a lifetime in two years."

A year ago, Wendoloski approached his new journey as a 24-year-old Bloomsburg University freshman from the perspective gained during his deployments. "I'd overhear students complain about an 8 a.m. class or about the professor or about their cell phones not working. I'd bite my tongue and think ... man, they don't realize how good they have it."

Camp Shelby, Miss., to begin combat training. The 19-year-old was six months away from touching sand in Iraq.

"I was kind of excited," says Wendoloski, who felt reassured knowing several fellow soldiers already had deployment experience. "Not for my parents though. This was a time when it was getting pretty nasty over there."

### A whole new world

The year-long deployment with the 109th Infantry Regiment, based in Honesdale, not only started to shape Wendoloski as an adult, but altered his path to college. He rewrote plans for his immediate

girls, parties and what we were going to do when we finally got home. I realized I missed common things, such as good, homemade stuffing with gravy. They had it at the chow hall, but it was nothing like Mom's."

### A new perspective

Wendoloski's transition home went smoothly, especially once his head hit the bed pillow. "Every day was the sweetest day," he says. "I had television, warm showers and a soft bed."

He also recognized basic conveniences he'd taken for granted before his year in Iraq. "I didn't have to walk outside to go to the bathroom.

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I wasn't sharing everything with a bunch of guys. I didn't realize how great our life is here, so I made it a point to enjoy every moment. I still do to this day."

Wendoloski knew his reprieve from combat would be short-lived. He had signed up for full-time active duty in the Army while on deployment as a National Guardsman. "It wasn't a matter of 'if' but 'when,'" he says. "But I was OK with it."

learned if it was a problem, someone would be on the radio to tell you. If it was nothing, you'd hear nothing and just go about your business.

"You would be more worried if you knew there was a patrol out there and heard something blow up. Although you'd get used to the sounds, you never got used to the concern."

This time around, Wendoloski was unable to avoid the pain of losing a fellow soldier. One of his unit's

*"When it's 120 degrees, you can't do much about it. It was like having a hair dryer blowing in your face."*

### A life-changing experience

The belief his previous deployment would make his second tour easier quickly evaporated when Wendoloski discovered the conditions his unit faced in southern Baghdad, a stark difference from the modern Al Asad facilities.

"It was very primitive," Wendoloski says. "We built everything from scratch. We had to burn (our toilet) waste. It was definitely a third-world existence."

It also quickly became clear to him that this mission would be more dangerous and unpredictable. The unit was assigned to work closely with the Baghdad population, helping the area rebuild from the recent military surge.

"We were right in the city," Wendoloski says. "We could smell burning trash all of the time, hear gun shots ring out and, once in a while, something would blow up."

Any chance of building a routine or developing acceptance of the situation was lost once soldiers attempted to catch their breath. "You would be sitting at your laptop, then all of a sudden ... 'pop, pop, pop.' You

Bradley tanks was struck by an explosively formed penetrator (EFP) while patrolling through a neighborhood polluted with Shiite militia activity. The attack killed five soldiers.

"We'd see (casualty) numbers in the news, but when you put a name to that number, it changes everything," Wendoloski says. "You know the story behind it. What led up to it, what happened and what needs to be done to make sure it doesn't happen again."

The threat of EFPs was among the biggest worries for Wendoloski's unit, which patrolled in tanks and Humvees. The devices are designed to penetrate armor and can be detonated by infrared sensor, specifically targeting the heat from engines.

"It's very hard to find out you lost someone," Wendoloski says. "You get upset but realize you're there to do a job. You try not to dwell on it, but in the end you will never meet people you can trust as much as someone you get deployed with." •

Jaime North, Web writer and editor at Bloomsburg University, served in Iraq from February to December 2003. His image is featured on the cover of this issue.



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### The Old Freshman

IT DIDN'T TAKE long for Adam Wendoloski to transition from an Army combat soldier to a 24-year-old BU freshman. Within seconds of searching open courses for the fall 2009 semester, the Iraq War veteran discovered a surprising familiarity.

"I saw Arabic on the schedule, so it made sense," says Wendoloski, a criminal justice major who plans to pursue a minor in Arabic. "I picked up some Arabic in Iraq and wanted to learn more of the language and culture."

Wendoloski's interest in the Middle East led him to the Arabic Club and Model Arab League. "The club has given me more perspective on the culture, since I was really only exposed to its negative aspects. My two years in Iraq adds a special flavor to the club. I wasn't just the old freshman."

Wendoloski, who transitioned back to the Pennsylvania National Guard in June 2009 after returning from his second Iraq deployment, says the Arabic class and Arabic Club have already eased the stress of a third deployment, if it is to come in the future.

"It plugs you more into the culture," says Wendoloski, a sergeant with 103rd Armored Regiment in Sunbury. "So if I go back to Iraq, I will know a lot more. Someday, I'd like to go back there and see what Baghdad becomes when it is not known as the City of Death."

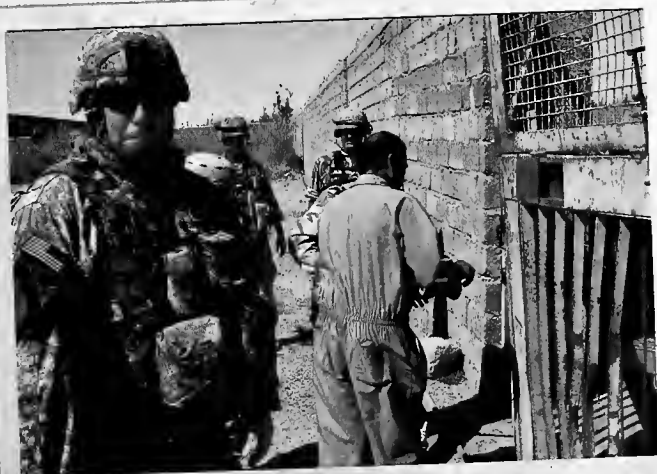
by BONNIE MARTIN

# BUILDING trust

The concept is very simple: build positive relationships with Iraqis by supporting business enterprises that create employment opportunities. For JOHN HOLTZMAN putting it into practice was more difficult.

THE IDEA WAS TO re-establish a dairy industry in Abu Ghraib, one of nine administrative districts surrounding the city of Baghdad. The original plant produced milk, cheese and yogurt for decades until the United States closed the country's state-run enterprises.

Across Iraq, experienced workers lost jobs and incomes as the war continued. Unemployment figures were as high as 50 percent, and unemployed young men were considered to be most vulnerable to recruitment by insurgent groups. Enter the U.S. Army's Special Operations Civil Affairs personnel.



A dairy. A bakery. A carpet maker. A shoe manufacturer. These are just a few of more than 75 business enterprises U.S. Army Lt. Col. John Holtzman worked to re-establish between November 2006 and November 2007 while deployed as part of Special Operations Civil Affairs. Civil Affairs soldiers, specialists in a variety of fields ranging from medicine and dentistry to agriculture and construction, work for the battlefield commanders to help a host government meet its people's needs and maintain stability.

"During a war effort, countries are limited in access to certain specialties," says Holtzman, BU's assistant director of facilities management since 2001. "Civil Affairs is the part of Special Operations that works with local nationals, from tribal leaders and government officials to businessmen. When you stimulate business to employ workers, it brings money into the community and allows businesses to hire local people who are more likely not to go to the insurgents."

Since first enlisting in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 1980 and subsequently serving in the Army Reserves and on active duty, Holtzman

found humanitarian missions to be some of his most rewarding. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1984 and, while on active duty from 1984 to 1990, completed missions to Costa Rica,

Honduras and Panama, known as "host nation building." An engineering officer, he was involved in construction of roads, bridges and buildings with the underlying philosophy that improving the daily lives of local residents would prevent the spread of communism.

Other humanitarian missions followed. After Hurricane Hugo in September 1989, he helped clear South Carolina roads of trees and sand. And in 2002, 12 years after he left active duty and a decade after he enlisted in the Army Reserves, Holtzman was once again involved in military efforts to benefit the civilian population. This time, he was stationed in Kosovo on a NATO peace-keeping mission.

"We did a lot of construction," Holtzman says. "We also picked two schools, one in an Albanian sector and one in a Serbian sector, that had leaking roofs and no

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heat. We received permission to raise money and hired local contractors, telling them what we wanted them to do to help the people."

Holtzman was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq as a facilities engineering team commander in 2004 to supervise construction of desert base camps. For one month, he volunteered to evaluate and counter improvised exploding devices, known as IEDs, on main supply routes south of Baghdad. Two years later, he returned as part of Civil Affairs.

Holtzman prepared for his new assignment during summer 2006 at Fort Bragg's John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. In his mid-40s at the time,

*"You gain ground by building relationships with the Iraqi people. You try to do good things, to build trust and confidence with the local people."*

Holtzman was nearly twice as old as some of his classmates, who treated him with the respect his rank commanded, yet seemed to be convinced he wouldn't be able to complete the rigorous training. Not only did

he complete the training, he was named first in his class, the distinguished honor graduate.

Holtzman entered Iraq as part of the 1st Cavalry Division. Although he was a reservist, he was assigned to an active duty unit as the governance and economic development team chief, with control over all of Baghdad and the surrounding area. Project funding came through the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations, established in June 2006 to improve economic conditions for the Iraqi people, and Commanders Emergency Relief Funding.

The dairy project in Abu Ghraib began with a meeting of tribal leaders and former plant managers, he recalls. That initial meeting eventually led to establishing an Iraqi project team and plans to restart dairy production in two phases, first by reconstituting powdered milk and then by processing whole milk. "We helped with planning the construction and provided agricultural experts," he says.

During his year with Civil Affairs, Holtzman was involved in more than 120 missions, traveling to meetings in Humvees or Black Hawk helicopters. He saw firsthand the dedication and bravery of the young U.S. soldiers, some of whom were on their third tours of duty. And he was always aware the insurgents might threaten the cooperating Iraqis and their families and cautious about his own safety.

"When you first get there, you don't know what to expect. The message from the Iraqi people is, 'We didn't ask you to come here but, now that you are, we want what you have: security, jobs, careers, vacations, your own religion, food and health.'"

## A Civil Affair

PATRICK CAMACHO spent 11 months in Iraq "winning hearts and minds" — one person at a time.

A civil affairs specialist with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Camacho learned "not all Iraqis are terrorists.



Iraqi children are like kids everywhere and most Iraqi husbands worry more about feeding their families than waging war."

The Allentown freshman made a six-year commitment to the National Guard in 2007, when he was a 17-year-old high school senior. "I woke up one day and life kind of hit me. I decided to do something worthwhile and support my country at the same time," he says.

His single mom, Miriam Vazquez, was supportive, but his friends thought he was crazy. "It was the height of the Iraqi War, and the news was filled with casualties. My friends were baffled."

Civil affairs specialists, he explains, "serve as a liaison between Iraqi civilians and the military," easing aggression by fostering dialogue between the two.

For most of his tour, Camacho was in southern Iraq, guiding a group of Texas A&M scientists. The scientists were doing

"It's a good chance to be a part of history. I'm proud of what I do. I'd do it all over again if I had the chance." agricultural research to help Iraqis re-establish

a sustainable agricultural economy. "That enables the Iraqis to stand on their own feet," he explains. "We are hoping to give them the foundations for a new and better beginning."

Many Americans, he says, have misconceptions about the war in Iraq. "With so much media attention on the casualties and consistent fighting, many think everyone in Iraq is out to kill us. In my tour, working with civilians in towns, we met a lot of great people. They weren't terrorists; they were just regular people."

With three years to go on his six-year commitment, Camacho is looking forward to being deployed to Afghanistan. "I want to do as much as I can for my country and get out and explore the world. It's a good chance to be a part of history. I'm proud of what I do. I'd do it all over again if I had the chance."

Still wearing a brace to support the left knee he injured jumping from a helicopter, Holtzman returned to BU in April 2009 after receiving medical treatment and physical therapy. Troops serving in Civil Affairs return to Iraq every year or two and, at age 49, he could be deployed again. Holtzman says he wouldn't mind going back.

"You gain ground by building relationships with the Iraqi people. You try to do good things, to build trust and confidence with the local people. Sometimes they will turn over information and, if they can help us, it may speed them to a better place." •

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**THE WOUNDS TODD BUCHER** suffered from seeing combat in Afghanistan were on the inside. For eight months, Bucher and his nine-man Marine squad chased Taliban fighters through the rugged Al Anbar terrain, digging foxholes to sleep in and constantly engaging in firefights.

After the stress of combat and seeing one of his men killed and two others injured, Bucher came home changed in fall 2003. "It was really hard," the 26-year-old remembers. "I had a constant sense of awareness and readiness no matter what I was doing. I carried a handgun almost everywhere I went — I had a permit — and I didn't feel safe unless I had it."

doesn't carry a gun on campus, the hyper-alertness and inability to feel safe haven't improved.

One place that gives Bucher solace is the Bloomsburg University Student Veterans Association (BUSVA), which he, another student veteran and two professors helped re-form in fall 2009. About 15 active members strong, BUSVA

an outcast. Sit down and talk and actually have somebody who understands what you're talking about and how you feel," says Bucher, the group's vice president.

Michael Medvec, who graduated in May with a degree in business information systems, is the association's outgoing president and driving force behind its creation.

Medvec, 28, of Wilkes-Barre, has served in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard for 10 years and was deployed to Afghanistan and Kuwait.

"Especially if you're a non-traditional student



# COMBATABLE

Two years later Bucher redeployed to Iraq, where he and his 12-member squad patrolled Fallujah. Constantly under sniper fire, Bucher's luck gave out on July 10, 2005, when he saw a roadside bomb just before it went off.

"When I got hit ... we got ambushed right after that," Bucher says. The blast mangled his left side, but he fought on for another 20 minutes until he was evacuated. "I lost a lot of blood; they brought me back (to life) twice."

Later that year Bucher, of Northumberland, was medically discharged from the Marines as a corporal, and in summer 2007 he enrolled in Bloomsburg University to study communications. After 16 surgeries he is able to walk and, with difficulty, can use his left hand to write. He still has nearly 1,000 pieces of shrapnel in his body and is facing more operations on his back, shoulder and knee. Mentally, though he

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*by* JACK SHERZER

meets at various locations on campus and provides a support group where vets can talk to each other about what they're going through and get practical help. Although the exact number of veterans attending BU isn't available, the registrar's office shows 180 veterans used GI Bill benefits for fall 2009.

"You can come and not feel like

and maybe have been on a couple different deployments, you're a little older than everyone else and want someplace to fit in where people have gone through some of the same experiences you've had," Medvec says. "You can go talk to your (non-military) friends and get some comfort from them or some advice, but it is really hard for

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them to give you the kind of advice or direction you need because they haven't really experienced the same thing."

Though he didn't see direct action, Medvec's base in Iraq was mortared on occasion, and there was the tenseness of knowing an attack could

come at any time. When he returned to BU, he talked with Al Fundaburk, assistant professor of business education and information and technology management, about the usefulness of a campus veterans group.

"Combat changes you, and you need to be able to interact with those who understand combat," says Fundaburk, who fought in Vietnam with the Army in 1967-68 and then served in the Air Force from 1971 until he retired in 1991. The association is also important

because it can help vets deal with the paperwork associated with getting benefits and meeting other needs, he adds.

For example, those involved with the association said they are putting together checklists students can use when they are returning to Bloomsburg from active service or if their studies are being interrupted by a deployment. Checklists cover a wide range of preparations, from filling out forms to avoid financial aid problems to dealing with an apartment lease.

Medvec also hopes the association will continue to be a fundraiser for both veteran and community needs. In March, association members using Kevlar helmets as collection baskets raised \$1,500 in downtown Bloomsburg for the Wounded Warrior Foundation for injured soldiers.

Mark Bauman, the group's official faculty adviser, has studied the issues returning vets face. A Coast Guard reservist and assistant professor of educational studies and secondary education, Bauman says research shows the more connected students — veteran or otherwise — are to their college, the better they will do at school and in their careers.

"So the question for a veteran who comes back after a two-year hiatus is: how can we get that person connected? The veterans association is it," Bauman says. "From the veterans group, your network grows and moves outward, but the veterans group is the start."

Looking ahead, Bucher believes the association will grow and provide ever-more important assistance to veterans. Bucher knows first-hand about how frustrating things can be; he's been waiting for the VA to help him purchase a laptop that would make it easier to take notes and less reliant on his damaged left hand. He's also had difficulty finding a counselor who understands the stress he feels.

Helping to create the association was just a first step for Bucher, who said he doesn't regret his service and intends to keep helping those who worked to protect the country. "I would like to lobby for veterans rights," Bucher says of his plans after graduation. "I'd like to go into politics and work to get better benefits for veterans, better health care and all around better things for veterans." •

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## A Wake-up Call

JOSH PROSCENO, like most Americans, was in shock when terrorists attacked the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001. The shock gave way to a patriotic sense of duty that led to six years in the Air Force and five tours as an aircraft mechanic in Afghanistan and Iraq.

When the planes hit, Prosceno was an 18-year-old freshman at BU. Less than two months later, he signed up under the Air Force's delayed enlistment program. After his first semester, he left college and his hometown, Bloomsburg, for basic training.



From Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Wash., Prosceno deployed twice to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar and three times to Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan.

From those bases, he and his crew flew aboard KC-135s, large jet-powered aerial refueling tankers, into the war zones to assist bombers and fighter aircraft supporting troops on the ground.

While he never came under direct fire, Prosceno had socialized with a group of soldiers who died when their helicopter crashed. "You get kind of complacent when you're there for a time. It's a wake-up call. Something like that makes everybody on edge," he says. "You do your job a little better. It makes you think about what you're there to do."

Now a junior at BU, Prosceno is majoring in environmental planning, hoping to become a municipal or regional urban planner.

The patriotism that led him to join the Air Force has paid off, he says. "I'm definitely a better student, and I'm a lot more organized. I'm a perfectionist now. I still fold my shirts into 6-inch squares."

Medvec spent a year posted at the Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, mainly processing soldier records, but also at times providing convoy security to Kabul, about 50 miles away. He started his studies at Bloomsburg in March 2006 soon after his return, but was redeployed in August 2007 for a year in Ali Al Salem in Kuwait, just south of the Iraqi border, again processing records. Now, with his degree under his belt, he's weighing whether to pursue a civilian job dealing with business management and software use or go full-time National Guard where he is a sergeant.

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VIRONMENTAL CHAMBER

## On the Front Lines

War was the last thing on MAX TOLAN's mind when he enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 2000 while a junior at Millville Junior/Senior High School, about 12 miles from Bloomsburg. His unit hadn't been deployed since the Korean War, and Tolan was looking to serve his country and take advantage of college benefits to become a physician like his father, Keith.

The events of Sept. 11, 2001, changed all that.

In 2005-06, the young father found himself in Iraq, and a year later, on the front lines at a battle aid station in



Afghanistan. As a medic, he saw injuries he doesn't want to talk about. He also lost friends, but he doesn't want to dwell on that, either.

Before he could start college, Tolan's unit was activated. After basic and medic training in Texas, the 19-year-old was sent to Germany, where he assisted doctors at a post health facility. He managed to make it home just in time for the birth of his first son, Leif, 7.

After three semesters at Bloomsburg, Tolan was off to Iraq, where he first administered routine medical care to about 300 soldiers at a small battalion aid station. For the next four months, he was a shift leader at a Navy-run hospital at Al Asad Air Base, where he stabilized seriously injured soldiers until they could be transferred to a base hospital. Finally, he performed foot patrols around Ramadi with an infantry unit from Kentucky.

After two more semesters at BU and shortly after the birth of his second son, Kyle, 5, Tolan headed for Mehtar Lam in Afghanistan, where he was a medical supervisor at a battalion aid station.

"While I was at Al Asad, we didn't feel a sense of danger, but in Ramadi, it was certainly more tense. Afghanistan was a cross between the two. On the convoys, we were on high alert, but fortunately, my vehicle was never hit."

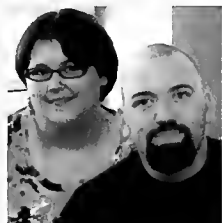
Tolan, a May 2010 pre-med graduate, is now studying at The Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton. After his residency, he'll owe the military at least another eight years.

The divorced father says his biggest inspiration has been his father, an Air Force physician who did his medical training while Tolan and his sister were growing up.

Tolan's sons may also follow their dad. "Both of them love to play Army when they're at my house," he says.

## Korea Connection

It wasn't a matchmaker or dating service that brought KEVIN and KRISTIN DAVENPORT together; it was the U.S. Army.



The Bloomsburg University students grew up 3,000 miles apart, he in Pennsylvania and she in Washington State. They met in South Korea, where they fell in love, married and welcomed a son, Kenny, now 3.

Thanks to the Post 9/11 GI Bill, they're full-time students at BU, where Kevin, 28, is a freshman music education major and Kristin, 29, is pursuing her master's in elementary education.

A circuitous path led to their meeting, but Kristin says if it hadn't been for her decision to join the Army, she never would have found "my husband, my soulmate, the person I'm going to spend the rest of my life with."

The couple had different motivations for joining the Army.

Kevin says the military is "kind of the family business." Except for one generation, the Davenport family's military service "dates back to the French and Indian War," he says.

A reservist, Kevin played the euphonium, a tuba-like brass wind instrument, in the U.S. Army Band until his unit was activated in 2003. A 17-week course at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., transformed the euphonium player into a counter intelligence special agent. From August 2004 through July 2007, Kevin served in South Korea,

conducting national security investigations and serving as a liaison among Korean police, military units and community leaders.

Kristin hoped to become a forensic scientist after earning a bachelor's degree in anthropology and biology from Western Washington University, Bellingham, in 2003. "Everybody I talked to said I needed either experience or a master's degree to get into the field, so I joined the Army in 2004 for the life experience and benefits to get my master's," she says.

"We both realize the opportunities that exist at Bloomsburg, and we tell kids they must be the driving force behind their educations."

Serving with the military police in South Korea, she found her ultimate calling while training to become a Drug Abuse Resistance

Education (DARE) instructor. She expects to earn her master's degree in December 2011 and hopes to land an elementary teaching position.

Kevin was discharged in February 2009 due to a knee injury suffered in South Korea, since repaired by doctors at Geisinger Medical Center. He is planning a career as a music teacher and band director.

The Davenports are looking to the future, armed with the maturity they say they gained in the Army.

"As a 28-year-old freshman, I try to help my classmates see the big picture," Kevin says. "We both realize the opportunities that exist at Bloomsburg, and we tell kids they must be the driving force behind their educations."

## Tour of Duty

JESSICA HEIN was 6 years old when she saw a film about a flight nurse and instantly knew she wanted a career in the medical field. Today, with five years in the Air Force military police and assignments in Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan behind her, she's a junior at BU, studying to become a nurse practitioner.

Hein, of Bloomsburg, had been in the Air Force for just two months when terrorists attacked the United States. Less than two weeks after 9/11, she found herself in Bahrain, an island nation in the Persian Gulf within missile range of Iran and Iraq.

What she describes as "an easy tour" to Kuwait followed, but her third deployment to Iraq was another story. While there, she lost a Marine friend whose plane hit the side of a mountain just weeks before he was scheduled to return home and learned another friend had lost his leg from the knee down when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated.

She came under fire herself while doing search and recovery missions. "We would go in and get people and equipment that had been blown up," she explains. "That was dangerous. You're going into an area the enemy is obviously watching. We were fired upon, but

nothing bad ever happened.

"You have those moments where you think 'what kind of craziness is this?' But you know you're there for a good cause, supporting your fellow airmen."

While she saw what she describes as "the ugly" in Iraq, she saw the good, too. "Understandably, the Iraqis don't want us in their country, but the people who are getting help from the U.S. are appreciative. TV seldom shows that. The media shows a lot of anger, not smiles."

Hein spent just two weeks in Afghanistan with the Air Force, but expects to be deployed there again during her current six-year commitment as a combat medic in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Active in Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) on campus, Hein is quick to recommend military service to others. "I think it makes people stronger. It instills values and a sense of pride. Today, I'm more worldly, open-minded and understanding. Having seen what I've seen, I'm wiser ... a lot wiser," she says.

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Staff writer Sue A. Beard contributed to SPECIAL SERVICES: A MILITARY TRIBUTE.



Stacy Stancavage was one of the 209,000 women who serve in the U.S. armed forces today, making up 14.3 percent of active duty military personnel.

(Source: U.S. Department of Defense)

# getting it DONE



Stacy Stancavage is shown near a monument dedicated to the men and women from her hometown, Atlas, Pa., who served and died in the military, left, and in 2004 during her active duty in Afghanistan.



by JULIE NICOLOV

WHEN STACY STANCAVAGE sees a need to fill, she gets to work. And injuries sustained while serving in combat haven't gotten in her way. Even after back surgery, nerve damage and doctor's orders not to drive, Stancavage continues to help veterans who are much worse off than she.

"My injuries are nothing when compared to others who I have served with overseas," she says.

Stancavage graduated from BU in December 2009 with a bachelor's degree in social work, 13 years after she first enrolled. She didn't know in 1996 what she wanted to study and her grades slipped. "I failed out," she says.

Returning to BU in 1999, she was still unsure what path her career would take. But her college studies were put on hold again by the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Withdrawing from classes, she enlisted in the Army to fuel trucks and tanks and served with the 10th Mountain Division until November 2006, deploying to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Serving her country took its toll on her body. While in Afghanistan from August 2003 to May 2004, she developed arthritis and chondromalacia (commonly known as "runner's knee") in both knees. In Iraq from September 2005 to July 2006, the physical demands of military life affected her spine, which was too narrow at the base, causing excruciating pain.

"Basically, my spine was collapsing on itself," she says. She suffered two herniated discs; one which had slipped and caused nerve damage. Stancavage kept working.

"What are you gonna do? The job has to get done," she says.

She finished her enlistment and applied for a civilian hazardous materials handler job in Iraq. Her injuries kept her from being hired.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs considers her 70 percent disabled.

Applying for VA benefits is a yearlong process of paperwork and doctor visits. Often, applicants' paperwork is sent back, starting the process again. While the VA provides workers to help veterans fill out the forms, Stancavage processed her paperwork on her own and was approved on the first try.

*"What are you gonna do?  
The job has to get done."*

She also helped other veterans fill out their forms correctly. "That's what made me realize I wanted to be a social worker," she says.

Despite anterior fusion surgery in April to stop nerve damage in her legs, Stancavage started graduate-level classes at Marywood University in June. She hopes to secure an internship at the VA Medical Center in Lebanon, Pa. Her goal is clear: helping other veterans receive the care they need from the VA.

"I'm grateful, I have all my pieces," she says. "We still have people who don't have theirs, and they're still fighting with the VA." •

Julie Nicolov is a freelance writer from Trevorton, Pa.

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**Richard L. Baker**, Sergeant  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Aug. 25, 1969-Aug. 24, 1971  
VMGR-252 Cherry Point,  
N.C., July 1968 to December  
1969 and January 1971 to  
August 1971

VMGR-152, Republic of Vietnam,  
January 1970 to January 1971  
At BU: Chair, Accounting



**Dane Bamford**, Specialist  
Army National Guard  
October 2004-October 2010  
Al Habbaniyah, Iraq, 2005-2006  
Baghdad, Iraq, 2008-2009  
At BU: Freshman,  
Undeclared

**David Chalecki**, Sergeant  
Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
February 2002-February 2008  
Al Habbaniyah, Iraq, June 2005-June 2006  
At BU: Senior, Special Education/  
Elementary Education Math

**Chris Collins**, 2nd Lieutenant  
U.S. Air Force, Nurse Corps  
September 1991- September 1995  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Medical Center,  
Fairborn, Ohio  
At BU: Nurse Practitioner, Student Health  
Center

**Robert Compton**, Specialist  
U.S. Army Reserve  
July 2007-Present  
At BU: Senior, History and Political Science



**Joseph J. Diak**, Chief  
Fire Controlman,  
Surface Warfare (ret.)  
U. S. Navy  
July 1983-September 2005  
Recruit Training Command  
(RTC)/Naval Training Center

(NTC), Great Lakes, Ill., 1983-1984,  
Guided Missile School (GMS)  
Virginia Beach, Va., 1984  
USS Hoel (DDG 13), San Diego, Calif., 1985-1989  
NTC Great Lakes, Ill., 1989-1992  
AEGIS Training and Readiness Center (ATRC),  
Dahlgren, Va., 1992  
USS Mobile Bay (CG 53), FDNF Yokosuka,  
Japan, 1992-1996  
ATRC, Dahlgren, Va., 1996-1998  
Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) O'Kane (DDG 77),  
Bath, Maine, 1999  
USS O'Kane (DDG 77), Honolulu, Hawaii,  
1999-2001  
USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70), Honolulu, Hawaii,  
2001-2002  
ATRC, Dahlgren, Va., 2002  
PCU Momsen (DDG 92), Bath, Maine,  
2003-2004  
USS Momsen (DDG 92), Everett, Wash.,  
2003-2005  
At BU: Senior, Business Education



**Al Fundaburk**, Captain (ret.)  
U.S. Air Force  
U.S. Army, 1967-1968;  
U.S. Air Force, 1971-1991  
Vietnam, 1967-1968  
Biloxi, Miss., 1971-1972  
Beale AFB, Calif., 1972-1973  
Okinawa, Japan, 1973-1976  
San Bernardino, Calif., 1976-1979  
Ogden, Utah, 1979-1982  
Cheyenne, Wyo., 1982-1984  
Kunsan, Korea, 1984-1985  
Las Vegas, Nev., 1985-1991  
At BU: Assistant Professor, Information and  
Technology Management



**Michael W. Gursky**,  
1st Lieutenant  
Army National Guard  
March 26, 2002-Present  
Hazleton, Pennsylvania,  
March 2002-September 2008  
Taji, Iraq, January 2009-

September 2009  
York, Pennsylvania, December 2009-Present  
At BU: Graduate Student, Secondary Education



**Stephen L. Hebbard '91M**,  
Colonel (ret.)  
U.S. Air Force  
Commissioned 1963, retired 1994  
U.S. Air Force, 1963-1971  
Pennsylvania Air National  
Guard, 1972-1994

Officer-in-charge, Motor Vehicle Operations  
and Maintenance, Lackland AFB, Texas  
USAF Basic Pilot Training, Webb AFB, Texas  
F-4 Fighter Checkout School, Davis, Monahan  
AFB, Ariz.  
F-4 Combat Readiness Training, Eglin AFB, Fla.  
Tour of Duty, F-4C Pilot, Da Nang AB,  
Vietnam, 100 missions over North Vietnam  
T-38 Instructor Pilot, Laredo AFB, Texas, and  
Columbus AFB, Miss.  
Commander, 111th Air Support Operations  
Center, Willow Grove Naval Air Station, Pa.  
Chief of Productivity and Quality,  
Headquarters Pennsylvania Air National  
Guard, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.  
At BU: Adjunct Faculty, Management



BU graduate student Michael Gursky, a first lieutenant with the Army National Guard, gives school supplies to children during his 2007 deployment to Iraq.

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**James Imholte, Specialist**  
 Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
 September 1994-Present  
 Support of Operation Enduring Freedom,  
 Germany, July 2002-February 2003  
 Operation Iraqi Freedom II, Iraq,  
 January 2004-March 2005  
 Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan,  
 December 2007-May 2009  
 At BU: Sophomore, Undeclared



**Dennis Jones,**  
 Master Sergeant (ret.)  
 U.S. Air Force  
 July 1981-August 2003  
 52nd Security Police  
 Squadron, Spangdahlem Air  
 Base, Germany, October 1981-

October 1984  
 2192 Communications Squadron, Loring Air  
 Force Base, Maine, October 1984-October 1988  
 52nd Communications Squadron,  
 Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, October  
 1988-October 1992  
 509th Bombardment Squadron, Whiteman Air  
 Force Base, Mo., October 1992-October 1995  
 347th Recruiting Squadron, Milwaukee, Wis.,  
 October 1995-October 1999  
 615 Air Mobility Operations Squadron, Travis  
 Air Force Base, Calif., October 1999-August 2003  
 Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield, Prince  
 Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia,  
 July 1990-January 1991  
 Muscat Oman, multiple points in theater,  
 Operation Enduring Freedom, September 2001-  
 September 2002  
 Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia,  
 Operation Iraqi Freedom, March 2003-May 2003  
 At BU: Junior, Computer Forensics

**Ted J. Mahoney**  
 U.S. Navy  
 1998-2008  
 Electronics school, Chicago and San Diego, 1998-1999  
 Electronics Technician, Communications and  
 Encrypting Equipment, USS Wasp (LHD-1)  
 Amphibious Assault Ship, Norfolk, Va., 1999-2003  
 Recruiter, NRS Williamsport, 2003-2006  
 Electronics Technician Supervisor, AFTP-  
 TRASUP: Anti-Terrorism Training Supervisor,  
 Non-Lethal Weapons Instructor, USS Gonzales  
 (DDG-66) Guided Missile Destroyer, Norfolk,  
 Va., 2006-2008  
 At BU: Senior, Management and  
 Geography/Urban and Regional Planning

**Amanda Machee, Lance Corporal**  
 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve  
 December 2007-Present  
 Stationed at Wyoming, Pa.  
 Baghdad, Iraq, October 2009-January 2010  
 At BU: Junior, Math Secondary Education



**Norm Manney**  
 U.S. Marine Corps, artillery fire direction,  
 Sept. 18, 1972-Sept. 17, 1977  
 Pennsylvania National Guard, Company B 109  
 infantry, 81mm mortar section leader/squad  
 leader, December 1978-December 1981  
 Marine Corps Reserve, 1986 to Sept. 30 2001  
 Operation Desert Shield, Saudi Arabia  
 Operation Desert Storm, Kuwait  
 Task Force Grizzly and Task Force Ripper, Iraq  
 At BU: Foreman, Paint Shop

**Michael Martin, Sergeant E-5**  
 U.S. Marine Corps  
 June 28, 1973-Sept. 5, 1976  
 Marine Corps Recruit Depot,  
 San Diego, Calif., June 1973-  
 September 1973  
 Communications and  
 Electronics School, San Diego,  
 September 1973-December 1973  
 Marine Corps Communication Squadron,  
 Cherry Point, N.C., January-April 1974  
 1st Battalion 12th Marines, Kaneohe Marine  
 Corp Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii,  
 April 1974-May 1975  
 1st Battalion 3rd Marines, Operation Frequent  
 Wind, evacuation of Vietnam, March-April 1975  
 Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Drill  
 Instructor School and Recruit Training, June  
 1975-September 1976  
 At BU: Assistant Professor, English; Director,  
 Professional Writing Program



**Ronald Matthews, CTR3 E-4**  
 U.S. Navy  
 Aug. 16, 2006-Aug. 15, 2010  
 Great Lakes, Ill., Aug. 16-  
 Oct. 17, 2006  
 Pensacola, Fla., A-school,  
 Oct. 17, 2006-March 28, 2007  
 Fort Meade, Md., March 28, 2007-Aug. 15, 2010  
 At BU: Freshman, Political Science

**Timothy McConnell**  
 U.S. Air Force  
 December 1967-September 1971  
 Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, December  
 1967-February 1968  
 Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., February 1968-  
 November 1968  
 Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., November  
 1968-September 1971  
 Temporary Duty, Vandenberg Air Force Base,  
 Calif., January-February 1970  
 At BU: Chair, Exercise Science



**James McCormack '90/'93M, Lieutenant Colonel**  
 Pennsylvania Army National Guard  
 March 1987-present  
 Infantry Enlisted Soldier, Berwick,  
 March 1987-May 1990  
 Engineer Platoon Leader, Hazleton,  
 May 1990-April 1995  
 Engineer Company, XO/Ops Officer, Hazleton,  
 April 1995-November 1997  
 Engineer Company Commander, Reading,  
 November 1997-August 2000  
 Assistant Brigade Engineer, Scranton,  
 August 2000-August 2001  
 FCCME (SPT), Allentown, August 2001-  
 March 2003  
 Deputy Garrison CDR/Post Engineer, Kabul,  
 Afghanistan, March 2003-May 2004  
 FCCME (SPT), Allentown, May 2004-  
 October 2006  
 Director, Host Nation Support, Allentown,  
 October 2006-April 2007  
 Group Senior Operations Officer (S3), Balad,  
 Iraq, April 2007-April 2008  
 Director, Host Nation Support, Allentown,  
 April 2008-July 2009  
 Battalion Commander, Philadelphia,  
 July, 2009-Present  
 At BU: Associate Director, Residence Life

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**Wayne Mohr, Specialist 4**  
 U. S. Army  
 November 1970-May 1972  
 Bien Hoa, Republic of  
 Vietnam, May 1971-May 1972  
 At BU: Assistant Vice  
 President, Technology  
 and Library Services



**Jaime North, Specialist**  
 U.S. Army Reserves  
 January 1996-January 2004  
 Fort Sam Houston, Texas,  
 October 2001-October 2002  
 Baghdad, Iraq, February  
 2003-December 2003

At BU: Web Writer/Editor,  
 Communications Office



**Cindi Rose Powell, Specialist**  
 U.S. Army Reserves  
 July 1996-January 2005  
 Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.  
 Fort Sam Houston, Texas  
 365th Engineering  
 Battalion, HSD

At BU: Graduate Student, Counseling,  
 Secondary and Elementary Education

### Conrad B. Quintyn

U.S. Navy  
 Active Duty, January 1983-January 1987;  
 inactive reserve, January 1987-May 1989  
 Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, N.C.,  
 1983 to 1984  
 Kilo Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine  
 Division, 1984 to 1987  
 Mediterranean, 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit,  
 training operations in Egypt, Spain, and  
 Sardinia, Italy, 1985 (six months)  
 North Atlantic, 23rd Marine Amphibious Unit,  
 training operations in Norway, Denmark  
 and Germany, 1986 (six months)  
 At BU: Faculty, Anthropology

**Kyle Reid, Captain**  
 U.S. Marine Corps  
 May 3, 2004-Jan. 28, 2008  
 The Basic School, Quantico, Va.,  
 September 2005-March 2005  
 Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla.,  
 March 2005-August 2005  
 Forward Observer Battery G, 2nd Battalion,  
 11th Marines, Camp Pendleton, Calif.,  
 August 2005-February 2006  
 Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Joint  
 Coordination Center Officer in Charge,  
 Fallujah, Iraq, February 2006-October 2006  
 Fire Direction Officer Battery G,  
 2nd battalion, 11th Marines, Camp Pendleton,  
 October 2006-February 2007  
 Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Police  
 Transition Team Officer in Charge, Fallujah,  
 Iraq, February 2007-October 2007  
 Assistant Operations Officer, 2nd Battalion,  
 11th Marines, Camp Pendleton, 2007-2008  
 At BU: Sophomore, Pre-Physical Therapy Major



**Jedediah G. Smith**  
 U.S. Air Force, Pararescue  
 2001-Present  
 Iraq, 2003  
 East Africa, Djibouti,  
 Somalia, 2005  
 Afghanistan, 2007 and 2009

Iraq, June 2010-Present  
 At BU: Junior, Biology Major

**Jim Tomlinson, Specialist 5**  
 U.S. Army 1970-1973  
 Okinawa and Thailand, 1970-1973  
 At BU: Professor, Communication Studies

### Jerry Wemple, Petty Officer 1st Class



U.S. Navy  
 Active duty, January  
 1982-December 1988  
 Reserve, December  
 1988-December 1991  
 Fighter Squadron 102,  
 two deployments to the

Mediterranean and Indian Ocean aboard  
 USS America (CV-66), 1982-1985  
 Instructor, Naval Air Station, South  
 Weymouth, Mass., 1985-1988  
 Various reserve assignments, 1988 to 1991  
 At BU: Professor, English

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 personnel past and present. We are grateful to those  
 who shared their stories and for the service of all  
 who fight for our freedom, including our alumni.  
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DAVID L. SOLTZ  
 President, Bloomsburg University



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## Caring Community

As if JILL REDELSPACH ROUSE '03 did not already have her hands full with child care, she worried about her husband, Don, during his three deployments with the Pennsylvania National Guard. His first deployment was three months after their wedding, and the second was only 24 hours after the birth of their first son.

Rouse, a veteran of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Navy Reserves, works as a PrayerNET assistant in Geisinger's Spiritual Care and serves as an administrator for Pennsylvania Veterans' Family website, a site she helped develop for spouses, family members and communities of military members.

"I'm helping because many do not escape the deployment cycle unscathed, whether it is physical injury, unseen traumas or syndromes," says Rouse. "It isn't always the military member, but the families who endure the emotional roller coasters and health crises."

The website is a virtual community where visitors can communicate with each other and read tips and articles on wellness, self care and child care. It also offers maps for locating armories or reserve units. Launched in March 2003 as a partnership between Geisinger Medical Center and PenTeleData, the website is something a suddenly single spouse needs to know, but somehow doesn't know how to ask in a rural civilian community," says Rouse. For more information, visit the Pennsylvania Veterans' Family website at [www.pvfw.com](http://www.pvfw.com).

## 1969

**William Klemick**, a chemist, was named Atlas Cement Co. Memorial Museum's cement worker of the month. Assistant plant manager for Essroc, Nazareth, he has worked in the cement business for 39 years.

## 1971



**Gerry P. Little** is a member of the Ocean County (N.J.) Board of Chosen Freeholders, which governs 60,000 residents.

## 1972

**Elizabeth Bredbenner Dahlgren '72M** received a distinguished teaching award from Pennsylvania College of Technology, where she is assistant professor of business administration/management.

**Patricia Veach Johnson**, a sales associate for Century 21 Alliance, Audubon, was recognized as a top sales producer.

## 1973

**Richard B. Jarman**, president and CEO of The National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, was keynote speaker at the 2010 Hyperworks Technology Conference in Michigan.



## 1974

**Jeffrey Swoyer**, Greenville, S.C., is vice president of human resources for D&W Finepack.

## 1975

**Rita Lucian Washick '75M** retired from teaching at the Carbon County Technical Institute, Jim Thorpe. She now teaches children with autism in Manhattan.

## 1977

**Chris Motyka** is vice president of support services for Metz & Associates, Dallas, Pa.

### Correction

Rachel McClellan-Kirksey '93 is assistant principal at Eisenhower Science and Technology Leadership Academy in Norristown Area School District. McClellan-Kirksey's class year was incorrect in her class note and marriage announcement in *Bloomsburg: The University Magazine's* Spring 2010 issue.

## 1978

**Lt. Col. Thomas Doyle '78/'79** retired from the U.S. Air Force after 34 years. He most recently served as comptroller squadron commander.

## 1980

**Vicki Dumm Gamby '80M** is a speech pathologist at Northeast Elementary School, Cookeville, Tenn.

**George G. Steele III**, Ambler, is corporate account manager with TAMKO Building Products. He's been with the company 14 years.

## 1981

**LeeAnn Pietrzykoski Augustine**, Lansdale, president of Media Strategies, is event planner for The Healing Walks Foundation.

**Loreen Derr Comstock '81/'81M**, registered nurse and administrator of clinical services for Columbia Montour Home Health & Hospice, was recertified as a clinical nurse specialist in gerontology.

**Kevin Crosley**, executive director



at Herkimer Area Resource Center, an organization serving persons with disabilities,

was named 2010 nonprofit executive of the year by the Business Journals of Central New York, Mohawk Valley and Greater Binghamton.

**Brian Hessenthaler**, Doylestown, was promoted to chief operating officer for Bucks County.

## 1982

**Frank Breslin Jr.**, California, vice president of global sales for the aerospace, defense and marine business unit of Tyco Electronics, was honored by the company for his leadership.

**Gail Reiss Heimbach** is a customer service representative with Allentown Valve & Fitting Co.

### Career at a museum

**JOHANNA MOSS '02** is an education associate at the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH) in Philadelphia, described as the only museum dedicated to exploring the American Jewish experience.



Moss, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in sociology, says BU helped "set foundations, focus and groundwork" for her career.

She says her college experiences made her aware of events and politics locally, nationally and globally, important for her job at NMAJH where she must keep up with events in Israel and the Jewish community.

As an education associate at NMAJH, Moss leads tours, coordinates programs with the community and school partners, supervises education department interns and helps guides understand the artifacts.

### Quigley confirmed

**John Quigley '81** was confirmed as secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) after serving as the agency's acting secretary for a year.



Quigley joined DCNR as director of operations in February 2005. Prior to joining DCNR, Quigley served as government relations manager with Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future, a statewide public interest organization.

His career in the not-for-profit, public and private sectors included eight years as the mayor of Hazleton and management positions with two industry-leading companies in the private sector.

## 1984

**Rose A. Hartle-Barnhart**, CPA, was admitted as an equity partner to the Lansdale accounting firm of Baum, Smith & Clemens.

## 1985

**Richard Robbins**, associate dean of arts and sciences at Bucknell University, served as faculty member for the National Academic Advising Association's Research in Academic Advising Symposium.

**Kent Smeltz '85M**, president, chief operating officer and chief financial officer of Advanced Scientifics Inc., Millersburg, was one of 11 appointed to Mid Penn Bank's northern region center of influence board.

## 1986

**Neil Boyd**, assistant professor of management in Lycoming College's business administration department, serves on the editorial board of *Public Management Review*.

## 1987

**Rocky Bonomo**, a former college wrestling coach and two-time All American for BU, is owner of Rock Solid Wrestling Camp, Luzerne County.

## 1988

**Lance O. Diehl**, president and chief executive officer of First Columbia Bank & Trust Co., Bloomsburg, was appointed to the Pennsylvania Bankers Association Board of Directors.

## 1989

**Crystal Workinger Davis** owns Granfaloon's Tavern, York.

## 1990

**Debbie Kurtz** teaches biology at Milton Area High School.

## 1991

**Dana Domkoski Burnside '91/'93M**, is director of Teaching Commons and a faculty member at Wilkes University's graduate school of education.

**Grant Clauser**, Hatfield Township, is the 2010 Montgomery County Poet Laureate.

**Richard Naradko** was approved as a local-level fire instructor by the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy. Assistant fire chief of Han-Le-Co Fire/Rescue of Allentown, he has 25 years of service in fire, rescue and emergency medical services.

## 1992

**John Bing**, Allentown, is dean of Central Pennsylvania College's Lehigh Valley location.

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**James Brogna**, Mountain Top, is assistant vice president for advancement at Allied Services & John Heinz Rehab. He was honored in the Times Leader's "40 under 40" feature.

## 1993

**Charles "Chuck" Budris** is director of medical physics and chief operating officer at Shore Point Radiation Oncology Center, Lakewood, N.J.

**David Licari** is Verizon Wireless' associate director of business sales for Central Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley.

## 1994

**John P. Bresney**, Hackettstown, N.J., is vice president of infrastructure services and operations for Selective Insurance Co.'s information technology services. He is married to **Allison Brokenshire Bresney** '93.

**Jennifer Oiler Shoup** '94/'98M was elected to a four-year term on the Southern Columbia Area School Board.

## 1995

**Gayle Fogelsonger Clark** and husband, Jon, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

**Brittany Frompovich**, a musician and music teacher, is founder of the Virginia Bass Forum, which seeks to advance bass guitar playing. She also manages Kids Jamming for Kids benefit concerts.

**Mary Walsh Laudenslager** is author of the book, *Catch a Break*, published through Amazon.com for Kindle and other computer applications.

**Jennifer Cording Mastri** earned a master's degree in quality assurance/regulatory affairs from Temple University School of Pharmacy.

**Robert T. Stoudt** is president of the Friends of Allegheny Wilderness. He is deputy director of the Montour Area Recreation Commission.

## 1996



**Jessica Denay** (nee Lahm), California, has penned a new book, *The Hot Mom to Be Handbook*. She is founder of The Hot Mom's Club.

**Alfred "Fred" Gaffney** is the executive director of the Columbia-Montour Chamber of Commerce.

## 1997

**Mark Waite** '97M, Virginia, assistant men's soccer coach at Old Dominion University, has joined Beach FC as boys' director of coaching.

## 1999

**Frank M. Carvino** is the director and curator of the Fairbanks House, the oldest known wood-frame home in North America.

**Jennifer R. Seely** is marketing director for Ibis Financial Group, Orlando, Fla.

## 2000

**David Marcolla** is senior product marketing manager for AT&T's Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware markets. He is also the associate board chair of Gilda's Club Delaware Valley.

## 2001

**James R. Lannigan** is a senior sales account manager with Graco Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.

**Lynette S. Luckers** is an assistant professor/counselor at the Community College of Philadelphia.

**Eric D. Miller** is co-owner of the Backyard Ale House in Scranton.

**Frank M. Suchwala** is instructor of hospitality management/culinary arts at Pennsylvania College of Technology. He joined the faculty

## Shining Star



**Tracy A. Finken** '93, an attorney with Anapol, Schwartz, Weiss, Cohan, Feldman & Smalley, was named a 2010 Pennsylvania Rising Star by *Law & Politics* magazine. "Rising Stars" is a listing of outstanding attorneys who are under age 40 or have been practicing less than 10 years.

Finken earned her law degree from Widener University School of Law in 1998. She has been named a Rising Star for the past five years.

## De Carolis honored



**Bob De Carolis** '76, Oregon State University's athletic director, was named the 2010 Under Armour West Regional Athletic Director of the Year. De Carolis, who was inducted into BU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009, began his career in athletic administration at the University of Michigan in 1979. He joined Oregon State in 1999 and has served as the university's athletic director since August 2002.

## Nursing alumna is CFO

**Carolyn Burke** '91 of Mechanicsburg recently became vice president of finance/chief financial officer for Landis Homes, Lititz. She previously was employed by The Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg and ParenteBeard.

Burke earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from BU and a bachelor's in accounting from Misericordia University. She is a member of the American and Pennsylvania Institutes of Certified Public Accountants.

in 2005 and received an Excellence in Teaching Award in 2009.

## 2003

**Rebecca Kinney Peterson** is clinical coordinator for the radiological technologist education program at the Hospital of The University of Pennsylvania.

## 2004

**Loren Abbott Bellows** is a certified physician assistant with Guthrie Clinic's family medical practice in Troy.

**Jennifer A. Kruk** earned a doctorate in molecular biology/biochemistry from Penn State University. She accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Defense, working as a post-doctoral research fellow within the

Defense Threat Reduction Agency at Fort Belvoir, Va.

**Kathleen Shemanski** earned a master's degree in psychology and an educational specialist degree in school psychology from Marywood University. She is a certified school psychologist for the Dunmore School District.

## 2005

**Thomas J. Guzik** '05/'07M teaches and coaches at Nandua High School, Onley, Va.

## 2006

**Miriam Carson**, Wright Township, a Pocono Mountain West High School science teacher, competed on the game show, *Jeopardy!* in March, finishing third.

## Network executive

**Rebecca Funk Campbell** '83 was promoted to president of the ABC-owned Television Stations Group. In her new position, she has chief management responsibility for the 10 ABC-owned television stations and the group's ABC National Television sales rep firm.



Campbell previously served as president and general manager of WABC-TV, the network's flagship station in New York City, and president and general manager of WPVI-TV, the ABC-owned television station in Philadelphia. Early in her career, Campbell held programming and production positions at WFMZ-TV, Allentown, and WGAL-TV, Lancaster.

# LINEUP

REUNIONS, NETWORKING, AND SPECIAL EVENTS



**CLASS OF 1960:** Class members and Alumni Affairs staff planning the Class of 1960 reunion are, left to right: Dale Krothe, Berwick; Joe Zapach, Binghamton, N.Y.; Gerry Alley, Easton; Lynda Michaels '87/'88M, director of Alumni Affairs; Joan Powlus, Delaware Water Gap; Joy Bedosky, recently retired from the Alumni Affairs staff; and Paul 'Barney' Manko, Moorestown, N.J. The reunion will be held Saturday, Oct. 23. To RSVP, call 1-800-526-0254.



**TRI SIGMA.** Alumna attending a recent Tri Sigma picnic are, left to right, Teresa Schott Wishneski '90, Kathy Savitts '82, Denise Labecki Answini '88, Marybeth Wasno Raidy '86, Molly Montague Fisher '86, Cindy Haas Begg '83, Jeanie Butkiewicz McLean '84, Christine Brogan Lundeen '87, Cathy Murray Sarra '84, Molly Wagner Troutman '84, Marybeth Nichols Busteed '85, Evelyn Barkman Manos '90, Edie Gair Shull '88, Rosemary Quagliariello Hentnick '87, Dana Sutton '83, Carol Reynolds Miller '86, Jeannine Dennison Yecco '86, Brenda Steele Grandizio '89, Carole Cimasky Peck '88, Laurie Dennen '82, Marta Marcelli Moyer '83, Nancy Cotton Lansberry '83, Jill Doll Binkoski '87, Pam Norton Jubon '87, Molly McLaughlin Naunczek '86 and Gwen Sheets Raifsnider '80.



**SUPER RINGS.** Alumni modeling Super Bowl rings are New Orleans Saints offensive guard Jahri Evans '07, right; Jim Monos Jr. '00, Saints area scout, left, and Lindsey Wyckoff Mitchell '06, basketball communications coordinator for the New Orleans Hornets. Mitchell wears the ring presented to her husband, Jason, Saints college scouting coordinator.



**SUMMER PICNIC.** Wilma Jones Kennedy '53, Jonelle Simcox Edwards '67 and Lura Szerafinski Shader '55, left to right, were among alumni from the Harrisburg area who attended the Capital Alumni Network's summer picnic. For information about the Capital Alumni Network, contact Jim Blockus '77, Blair Aylward '93 or visit the network's page at [www.bloomualumni.com](http://www.bloomualumni.com).



**ALUMNI BOARD.** The Alumni Association's new executive committee and new members took office in July. Shown from left with Lynda Michaels '87/'88, director of Alumni Affairs, are Greg Bowden '01, president; Kerri Donald Sears '92, vice president; Lynne Rishel Homiak '83, treasurer; Rich Uliasz '97, secretary; and Christopher Beadling '94, past president. Shawn Booker '03, Elizabeth Kramer '84, Lonka Lombardi '98, John Nicodem '86 and Mizan Rahman '94M joined the board as new members.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

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**Jeffrey Fellman** is quality control environmental monitoring associate at Fibrocell Science Inc., Exton.

**Kelly Muir '06/'08M** is a speech-language pathologist for Theraplay Inc., Springfield.

**Alicia Marinos Seltzer**, an attorney with Bull, Bull & Knecht, was sworn into the Columbia-Montour County Bar Association.

## 2007

**Michael J. Abda** is the new head boys' basketball coach at Mid Valley High School, his alma mater, where he teaches social studies.

**Mary Bacher**, a former Bloomsburg cross country runner, helped organize the Lehigh Valley Special Olympics' annual track meet.

## 2008

**Brahin S. Bilal** is a wide receiver for the Harrisburg Stampede, an American Indoor Football Association East Division team.

**Shannon Funk** is a tour guide for the Bradford County Historical Society Museum, Towanda.

**Timothy Lombardo** is a content developer/ instructional designer at Ashland University, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Cory Murphy '08M** is a secondary special education teacher with the Palisades School District, Bucks County.

**Kelly Zarski** is a strength and conditioning coach at Wake Forest University, North Carolina.

## 2009

**Amy Bannister** is a county caseworker for the Delaware County Children and Youth Services, Upper Darby.

**Zachary Graybill** is employed with the Middle East Policy Council in Washington, D.C.

## 2010

**Jessica Lenig** joined the nursing staff at Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

## MARRIAGES

**Paul E. Reeser '85** and **Christopher P. Morris**, Nov. 30, 2008

**Karen A. Klocek '86** and **William Sugrue**, Nov. 14, 2009

**Mary Wash Bauer '87** and **Robert Risner**, Dec. 27, 2009

**Wendy L. Miller '90** and **Mark R. Landis**, Oct. 31, 2009

**L. Evelyn Thompson '90** and **Charles Dunn**, May 28, 2010

**Rachel McClellan '93** and **Jeffery Kirksey**, July 18, 2009

**Sarah Corring '99** and **Michael Miceli**, Sept. 27, 2009

**Jennifer Girdon '99** and **Eric Mills**, May 5, 2010

**Peter Cheddar '00** and **Andrea Wysochansky**, June 27, 2009

**Michelle Driscoll '00** and **Jonathan Comisiak**, April 24, 2010

**Angela Pearce '00** and **Zachary McHale**, Sept. 29, 2009

**Deborah Rohrbach '00/'02M** and **Erik Platt**, Sept. 5, 2009

**Edward Sadauskas Jr. '00** and **Laura Schaffer**, April 10, 2010

**Devon Zelinka '00** and **Jeffrey Kuniegl**, Sept. 19, 2009

**Matthew Cibik '02** and **Kelly Zeshonski**, Aug. 21, 2009

**Michael Cioffi '03** and **Sarah Thomas**, Sept. 19, 2009

**Christina Hermany '03/'05M** and **Bryan Osenbach**

**Jacilyn Moro '03/'09M** and **Robert Paulukonis**, June 27, 2009

**Sarah A. Delaney '04** and **Kevin Doyle**, July 25, 2009

**Brian Irving '04** and **Rebecca Senapedis**, Feb. 25, 2010

**Tim Kelleher '04** and **Sarah Steeves**, Oct. 17, 2009

**Scott M. Koder '04** and **Julie R. Robbins**, Oct. 3, 2009

**Michael A. Mill '04** and **Audrey Yedlock**, Aug. 1, 2009

**Amy Montgomery '04** and **Justin Bowman '03**

**Mark A. Roda '04** and **Ann E. Smith**, Feb. 27, 2010

**Melissa B. Weitzel '04** and **Michael Thompson**, Sept. 5, 2009

**Christopher Yourechko '04M** and **Allison Stark**

**Alesha Beitel '05** and **Daniel Putman**, Dec. 5, 2009

**Jamie Falotico '05** and **Gerrit Tosh**, Oct. 17, 2009

**Kristin L. Gabriel '05** and **Gregory A. Ratkowski**, Sept. 12, 2009

**Katie Humen '05** and **Benjamin Hall '05**, Sept. 9, 2009

**Sarah Tillotson '05** and **Patrick Snedeker**, April 17, 2010

**Stephanie Aucker '06** and **Christopher Kolakowski '06**, April 25, 2009

**Arthur R. Becker '06M** and **Joyce Soska**, Oct. 10, 2009

**Lisa Bauman '06/'08M** and **Craig Godfrey**, Oct. 17, 2009

**Desirae Evans '06/'08M** and **Douglas Deitterick '04**, July 23, 2009

**Ryan Jastremsky '06** and **Jennifer Dinko**  
**TyLean Paisley '06** and **Jonathan Polley**, April 13, 2010

**Rachel Villa-Crim '06** and **Terry L. Taylor II**, Sept. 12, 2009

**Charles Angelo '07M** and **Lisa Mushinsky**, July 18, 2009

**Christina M. Dente '07** and **Matthew Chandler**, June 21, 2009

**Drew Hampton '07** and **Kimberly Shultz**, April 17, 2010

**Christina Kunkle '07** and **Joshua Stauffer '07**, Oct. 17, 2009

**Jennifer Marchese '07M** and **R. Scott Combella**

**Marissa Matthews '07** and **Troy W. Smith '06**, June 13, 2009

**Carina Minnick '07** and **Joshua Hoagland**, May 9, 2009

**Adam T. Tate '07** and **Emily E. Gray**, Feb. 13, 2010

**Marguerite E. Chamuris '08** and **Jeffrey Eisenhuth**, July 12, 2009

**Victoria Cunningham '08/'09M** and **Geoffrey Whiteley**, July 3, 2010

**Stephanie Kaiser '08** and **Kevin O'Donnell Jr.**, July 25, 2009

**Susanne E. Stephens '08** and **Daniel Fisher**, Sept. 12, 2009

**Jillian Thomas '08** and **Michael Leedock**, Aug. 15, 2009

**Paul Celona '09** and **Debra Reinbold**, Oct. 10, 2009

**Megan J. White '09** and **Brent Watkins**, Sept. 19, 2009

**Betsy Rosenberger '09** and **Jason Molden '07**, Jan. 2, 2010

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## BIRTHS

**Jeffery Pallante '90** and wife, Maureen, a son, Aidan, Sept. 9, 2008

**Kathy Baird Fitzpatrick '95** and husband, Eric, a son, Joshua Gannon, Oct. 19, 2008

**Melissa Burns Pritchett '95** and husband, Adrian, a son, Jacob Timothy, April 17, 2009

**Lori Mutchler Crowder '96** and husband, James, a son, Zachary James, Dec. 4, 2009

**Jessica Jenkins Tatum '96/'99M** and husband, Todd, a daughter, Parker Lynn, Feb. 4, 2010

**Colleen Matthews Parsons '97** and husband, Kevin, a son, Sean Kevin, April 30, 2010

**Elizabeth "Lisa" Braglio Mancini '98** and husband, **Frank Mancini '98**, a daughter, Natalie Elizabeth, Feb. 10, 2010

**Shawn McShea '98** and wife, Anitra, a son, Miles Joseph, April 30, 2010

**Lynda Colligon Wayne '99** and husband, Ryan, a daughter, Madilyn Helena, May 23, 2009

**Stephanie Hontz McLaughlin '00** and husband, Brian, a son, Charles Michael, Dec. 26, 2009

**Laureen Copenhafer Noonan '00** and husband, Anthony, a son, Nicklaus Anthony, May 2, 2010

**Suzanne Whitehead Ott '00** and husband, **Stephen Ott '01**, a son, Jacob, March 12, 2010

**Pamela Dower Vorce '00** and husband, **Christopher Vorce '01**, a daughter, Tatum Elizabeth, Oct. 26, 2009

**Eric D. Miller '01** and wife, Vera, a son, Luke Russel, Feb. 12, 2010

**Melissa Snyder Wolf '01** and husband, **Mark Wolf '06**, a son, Mason Hans, Feb. 3, 2010

**Becca Mulutzie Beitler '02** and husband, **Ian Beitler '03**, a daughter, Alexa Susanne, March 28, 2010

**Colleen Horan Kramm '02/'05M** and husband, Eric, a daughter, Harper Madeleine

**Christopher Repshis '02** and wife, Kiszzy, a son, Tyrus

**Rebecca Kinney Peterson '03** and husband, Jeffrey, a son, Brycen William, Feb. 28, 2009

**Kristin Miller Barr '04** and husband, Matt, a son, Brennen Donald, April 29, 2010

**Heidi Rutter Neal '05** and husband, Justin Neal '05, a son, Ethan Riley, Sept. 26, 2009

**Matthew Roslevich '08** and wife, Sarah, a son, Joshua William, May 15, 2010

## OBITUARIES

Ruth Yeager Reinhart '30  
Mae Bitler Bennett '31  
Reba Williams Schmidt '31  
Clarence L. Hunsicker '32  
Florence Hartline Butler '34  
Dorothy Johnson Cook '34  
Adeline Layaou Hess '34  
Kathryn Wertman Moltz '34  
Lauretta Foust Baker '35  
Florence Snook Barrett '38  
Tirzah Pesto Leighow '39  
Jean Brush Davis '40  
Ben E. Hancock '40  
Doris Guild Chamberlin '42  
Margaret M. Eroh '42  
Richard C. Nonnemacher '42  
Miriam Mench Bardo '43  
Nan Sidari Juraski '43  
Jean Ackerman Moyer '44  
Marjorie Downing Cosgrove '45  
Frank L. Molinaro '48  
James G. Tierney Sr. '48  
Robert L. Yerger '48  
Martha G. Bonin '50  
Harry J. Gobora Jr. '50  
Arthur C. Riegel '50  
Bernard "Pat" Zelinski '50  
Daniel C. Welker '51  
Palmer E. Dyer '53  
Charles R. Andrews '54  
Marie Parrish Morgan '54  
Ralph C. Verano '55  
Thomas J. Welliver '55



**STANDING ADOLESCENT**, a gift to BU from art collectors Philip and Muriel Berman in 1990, watches students entering and leaving Andruss Library. The university's first substantial piece of artwork, the stained-glass skylight featured in the Spring 2010 issue, was manufactured by Flanagan & Biedenweg Co. of Chicago, not Tiffany, and purchased in 1900.

Alan H. Eardley '56  
Martin F. Mackert '57  
Elizabeth A. Barron '58  
Gerald E. Donmoyer '58  
Mary Cuber Kashner '58  
Constantine John "Gus" Spentzas '58  
Elizabeth Tarr Demby '60  
Robert J. Perry '60  
Sandra Clarke Nearing '60  
Joseph Stancato '60  
Bernadine Mont Search '61  
Joan Shaffer Welliver '61  
Thomas L. Dunkin '62  
Lee F. Higgins '65  
Ann Marie Cesarini Raspen '65  
Charles H. Wilson '65  
James M. Garrahan '66  
Frank Milauskas '66  
Joseph Snarponis '66  
Nancy Smith Walls '66  
Verda I. Belles '67  
Francis "Frank" Meserole '67  
Lorraine M. Savidge '67  
Thomas W. Free '68  
Larry W. George '68  
Sarah "Sally" Lynch Plish '69  
Beth Dieffenbacher German '73  
Richard C. Pierson '74  
Joan Ann Opiary Higgins '75  
Valerie Kressler MaGaw '75  
Patricia Regan Heal '76  
Carol Breskiewicz Morgan '77  
Barbara Cravitz Wasilko '77  
Denise Engle Collins '84  
Robert J. Eveland '85  
Lisa Wenitsky Goodrich '88  
Keith Sheaffer '89  
Christopher D. Pszeniczny '92  
Patrick R. Bartucci '95  
Lori Eck Young '99  
Jerry Waltman Jr. '04  
Jamie G. Houseknecht '07  
Dustin Myers '07

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Over  
the shoulder

# Navy Bloomers

## Bloomsburg's Role in World War II

by ROBERT DUNKELBERGER, UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST



BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY students, faculty, staff and alumni have long served our nation in times of conflict. During World War II, the institution itself had the opportunity to assist in the war effort while continuing to provide educational opportunities.

Many students left school to join the military as the United States' participation in the war grew during 1942. Bloomsburg State Teachers College President Harvey Andruss knew replacements had to be found. The solution? Host training programs sponsored by the U.S. Navy.

Playing a key role was the Bloomsburg Airport, founded by local businessman Harry Magee in 1932. A Civilian Pilot Training Program instituted at the airport in September 1940 allowed 100 college undergraduates to learn to fly during its two-year existence. Its presence helped Andruss convince the Navy to place the V-5 program for training naval flight instructors at the college. Bloomsburg was one of only six schools in the country to host this program.

Naval personnel were given ground school courses by the college and flight instruction at the airport for



Clockwise from top: V-5 cadets are ready for inspection at the Bloomsburg Airport in 1944. V-12 cadets investigate the latest radio equipment in 1944. Hungry V-5 cadets line up for chow in the new Waller Hall cafeteria in 1944.

six months before being assigned to air bases to train combat pilots. When they arrived in fall 1942, the former junior high school building was turned over for their use and renamed "Navy Hall,"

which it continues to be called today.

The cadets lived on the top two floors of the renovated Waller Hall dormitory and ate their meals in the first-floor dining room which, by 1943, was converted to a cafeteria. The college also added a social room and canteen near the old gym in Waller and expanded laboratory facilities in Science Hall. In all, nearly \$350,000 was spent to renovate or repair facilities and purchase equipment for the cadets.

With the success of the V-5 program, the college expanded its military commitment by offering training for prospective naval officers. The first of 500 cadets in the V-12 program arrived on July 1, 1943. Bloomsburg was the only Pennsylvania state teachers college to host V-12 trainees, who received a college education in the areas most needed by the Navy. The cadets quickly

adapted to college life, just as the "regular" students — primarily female — adapted to the presence of so many members of the armed forces on campus.

Formal dinners, dances and other social events continued, but were held less frequently than before the war. From 1943 to 1945, rosters of the football, basketball, baseball, soccer, track and swimming teams were composed almost entirely of military personnel; however, the movement of cadets to other institutions to continue their training played havoc with team schedules. In fall 1944, for example, one set of players participated in the first three football games, finished their training and shipped out. In less than two weeks, an entirely new team was put together and ready to play the season's remaining games.

When World War II was over, the end of the V-12 program was in sight. At homecoming on Oct. 24, 1945, a number of events celebrated the Navy men, including a convocation to thank the college and honor the departing cadets, a final inspection and review on the Mount Olympus athletic field and a farewell dance in Centennial Gym.

An editorial in the student newspaper remarked it would be strange to no longer see the men in "blues" and "whites" on the campus. They had made many contributions to the college, most notably playing on the athletic teams, boosting school spirit and re-establishing the school's social life. But perhaps their greatest contribution was in keeping the college operating during a time when few other students were enrolled.

The Navy programs made a lasting impact on Bloomsburg, just as the college did for the cadets who spent time on campus. Even now, 65 years after they shipped out, members of the V-12s come back to campus and refer to themselves as "Navy Bloomers." A recently remodeled Navy Hall, home to BU's exceptionality programs, stands as a permanent reminder of their prominent place in Bloomsburg University history. •



## Academic Calendar

### FALL 2010

Thanksgiving Break —

No Classes

Tuesday to Friday, Nov. 23 to 28

Classes Resume

Monday, Nov. 29

Classes End

Friday, Dec. 10

Final Exams

Monday to Friday, Dec. 13 to 17

Graduate Commencement

Friday, Dec. 17

Undergraduate Commencement

Saturday, Dec. 18

### SPRING 2011

Classes Begin

Tuesday, Jan. 18

Spring Break Begins

Saturday, March 5

Classes Resume

Monday, March 14

Classes End

Monday, May 2

Final Exams

Tuesday to Friday, May 3 to 6

Graduate Commencement

Friday, May 6

Undergraduate Commencement

Saturday, May 7

## Art Exhibits

Exhibitions in the Haas Gallery of Art are open to the public free of charge. For more information, gallery hours and reception times visit <http://departments.bloomu.edu/haasgallery>.

Travis Townsend. sculpture

Sept. 28 to Oct. 23

Alison Stehlik. ceramic installation

Nov. 2 to 30

Senior Exit Show

Dec. 7 to 18

## Celebrity Artist Series

Events in the 2010-11 Celebrity Artist Series season will be presented in the Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall, and Carver Hall, Kenneth S. Gross Auditorium. For more information and to order tickets, call the box office at (570) 389-4409 or visit [www.bloomu.edu/cas](http://www.bloomu.edu/cas). Community Government Association cardholders pay half

of the ticket's face value for all shows. Programs and dates are subject to change.

Jeanne Ruddy Dance Company

Saturday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m.

K.S. Gross Auditorium

General Admission: \$25

Boogie Wonder Band

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2 and 8 p.m.

Mitrani Hall

General Admission: \$30

Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles

Saturday, Oct. 23, 8:30 p.m.

Mitrani Hall

General Admission: \$30

Chris Brubeck's Triple Play

Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 p.m.

K.S. Gross Auditorium

General Admission: \$25

Natalie MacMaster:

Christmas in Cape Breton

Friday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m.

Mitrani Hall

General Admission: \$30

Walnut Street Theatre:

The Glass Menagerie

Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, 8 p.m.

K.S. Gross Auditorium

General Admission: \$25

DRUMLine Live

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, 8 p.m.

Mitrani Hall

General Admission: \$30

Hot 8 Brass Band

Friday, March 4, 2011, 7 p.m.

K.S. Gross Auditorium

General Admission: \$25

Riout Dance

Saturday, March 26, 2011, 8 p.m.

Mitrani Hall

General Admission: \$30

Spring Awakening

Friday, April 8, 2011, 8 p.m.

Mitrani Hall

General Admission: \$30

Stefon Harris

Friday, April 28, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Mitrani Hall

General Admission: \$30

## Concerts

Listed events are open to the public free of charge.

BU Choirs Fall Choral Festival

Featuring Women's Choral

Ensemble, Concert Choir, and

Husky Singers

Sunday, Oct. 10, 2:30 p.m.

Carver Hall, K.S. Gross Auditorium

Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church,

123 N. Market St., Bloomsburg

Percussion Ensemble

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Haas Center for the Arts,

Mitrani Hall

Bloomsburg University-Community Orchestra

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2:30 p.m.

Haas Center for the Arts,

Mitrani Hall

Wind Ensemble

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

Carver Hall, K.S. Gross Auditorium

Evensong Concert

Saturday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church,

345 Market St., Bloomsburg

Jazz Ensemble

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

Haas Center for the Arts,

Mitrani Hall

Guitar Ensemble

Monday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.

Carver Hall, K.S. Gross Auditorium

Carols by Candlelight

Friday and Saturday,

Dec. 10 and 11, 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church,

345 Market St., Bloomsburg

## Alumni Events

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Alumni Affairs Office at

(570) 389-4058, (800) 526-0254

or [alum@bloomu.edu](mailto:alum@bloomu.edu).

Alumni Association Board

Meetings

Saturday, Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13, 1:30 p.m.,

Fenstemaker Alumni House

Carver Hall Alumni Chapter

Meetings

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m.

Fenstemaker Alumni House

Pre-game Pig Roast

Saturday, Sept. 11

Precedes Huskies vs. Clarion

(1 p.m. kickoff)

Near Redman Stadium

Hosted by Carver Hall Alumni

Chapter

BU History Jeopardy

Carver Hall Alumni Chapter

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 6 p.m.

Fenstemaker Alumni House

Pre-game Tailgate

Saturday, Oct. 2, 11:30 a.m.

Precedes Huskies vs.

East Stoudsburg (1 p.m. kickoff)

Fenstemaker Alumni House

Hosted by the Capital Alumni

Network

Homecoming Alumni Events

Friday to Sunday, Oct. 22 to 24

Education Career Networking Workshop

Friday, Oct. 22, 5 to 7 p.m.,

Kehr Union

Reception follows in

Fenstemaker Alumni House

Sponsored by Student PSEA,

College of Education, Alumni

Association

Alumni Coffee House

Saturday, Oct. 23, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Fenstemaker Alumni House

Alumni Tent Party

Saturday, Oct. 23, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Featuring entertainment,

games and food

Fenstemaker Alumni House

Class of 1960 50-Year Reunion

Saturday, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m.

Monty's, Upper Campus

Husky Leadership Summit

Saturday, Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m.

Kehr Union Ballroom

## Special Events

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

Friday, Oct. 1

Kehr Union Ballroom

Call BU's sports information

office, (570) 389-4413, for

ticket information

Parents and Family Weekend

Friday to Sunday, Oct. 8 to 10

Homecoming Weekend

Saturday and Sunday,

Oct. 23 and 24

Football, Huskies vs. West

Chester Golden Rams, Saturday,

Oct. 23, 3:30 p.m., Redman

Stadium. Tickets are \$10 for

adults and \$5 for students and

senior citizens. BU students with

a valid ID are admitted free.

Gates open 90 minutes before

kickoff.

For the latest information on upcoming events, check the university Web site, [www.bloomu.edu](http://www.bloomu.edu).

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## HOMEcoming 2000 FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, OCT. 22-24



Education Career Networking Workshop  
Friday, 5 to 7 p.m., Kehr Union  
Reception follows in Fenstemaker Alumni House

Alumni Coffee House  
Saturday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Complimentary coffee and breakfast treats  
Fenstemaker Alumni House

Homecoming Parade  
Saturday, 11 a.m.  
Downtown Bloomsburg

## THE FENSTEMAKER ALUMNI TENT PARTY

Rollin' the Dice & Enjoying the Nights in Vegas  
With thanks to presenting sponsor, Liberty Mutual  
Saturday, noon to 2:30 p.m.

Fenstemaker Alumni House

- Refreshments, including traditional "brew," compliments of the Alumni Association
- Elvis tribute show: Davy J. Elvis and the Mystery Train Band
- Vegas table games with great prizes
- Roongo and the BU cheerleaders
- Culinary delights at minimal cost
- Featured reunions at designated areas:

Classes of 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000  
Football squads from 1985 and 2000, national semi-finalist and national finalist football  
Act 101/EOP and Board of Governors alumni

Find details and RSVP at [www.bloomualumni.com](http://www.bloomualumni.com).  
Alumni registering online by Oct. 18 will be entered into a drawing to win an iPad provided by Liberty Mutual.  
Questions? Call 800-526-0254.

### BSTC Class of 1960 50-Year Reunion

Saturday, Cocktails and beverages, 6:30 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m.  
Monty's, Upper Campus

\$35 per person includes appetizers, adult beverages and dinner  
RSVP by Oct. 15 by mail or 800-526-0254  
Casual attire

### Football: Huskies vs. West Chester Golden Rams

Saturday, 3:30 p.m.  
Redman Stadium  
Tickets: adults, \$10; students/senior citizens, \$5

### Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles

Saturday, 8:30 p.m.  
Mitrani Hall  
General Admission: \$30

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